

# Students Riot When Administration Cancels Traditional Johnson Day

## The First Discourse Concerning The Nature Of And Necessity For A Certain Amount Of Ethical Vandalism At Colby College

by J. MESSY GRINDER

There were more than a few wrinkled brows on the faces of the faculty and Administration during and after the Johnson Eve Riot last Monday night. Everybody seemed "surprised", that it came off. The fact is, of course, that although the riot (which lasted from 11:15 until about 1:45) was billed as a pantie raid by posters reading, "Pantie Raid - 11:30; Sponsored by Colby Student Government," its real cause soon surged to the surface in chants such as "We want Strider," "We want Johnson Day," and "Save Johnson Day, our only Colby tradition."

I.

As I was sitting in the library last Friday trying to stay awake and find energy to underline the last pages in my uncompleted assignment in Hume, I glanced across my study table at the place occupied by an attractive junior - who had, for the moment, left for a smoke. There was a large pile of books on the Restoration, a French dictionary, and a copy of THE ORGANIZATION MAN piled variously about her study area. Sketched in her open notebook was her day by

day study schedule. With the exception of half hours for meals, classes, and Saturday night (which was noted "letter writing") all her time, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, was economically allotted to various subjects. But in the Tuesday column she had written lengthwise downward in large letters, "JOHNSON DAY."

Now of course different people think of Johnson Day in different ways. It was founded in honor of our late President Emeritus Franklin Winslow Johnson who was a lover of nature and outdoor work. It was Colby's Arbor Day. Today, in the view of most Colby students Johnson Day in both a workday and a playday. There are no classes - the professors either supervise J. Day projects, correct papers, or clean their attics! Some students catch up on their studies or study for comps, other go to the mountains or seashore, some sleep, and usually, even with all these missing there's somebody who has to go without a rake. The work is done in the morning - 1800 man hours last year (ECHO, May 13, 1960, p.1.) - then there's a big picnic

where everybody (including those who eat downtown) get fed - and how often do you catch Colby College even seeming to give away something FREE? - and everybody loaf in the afternoon. This is the way students look at Johnson Day. The Administration seems to have a slightly different view - it involves - "theoretically" - more of an emphasis on the amount of work done - for it is a work day - and concern with supervision of the participants.

But to the undergraduate, the real significance of Johnson Day lies in that it is a break, and as such has a definite psychological value: it is something toward which students look with expectancy, which they enjoy in sheer relief, and from which they carry away rest and memories that can be enjoyed over and over again.

The Johnson Eve Riot was the spontaneous expression of the frustration of a significant number of Colby undergraduates. There is no reason why anybody should be surprised that it happened - any perceptive administrator, sensitive to the undergraduate needs and inter-

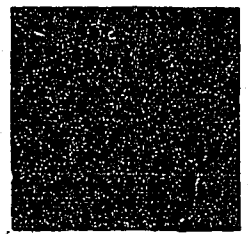
ests, would have foreseen such an expression of student disappointment. The sensible thing would have been to "reinstate" Johnson Day, rain or shine. Everybody was "up for it". Here then, I should like to present our first postulate:

POSTULATE I: The College must realize that unless it will provide a certain amount of amusement for undergraduates, the undergraduates will have to provide for it themselves.

It is not true (ECHO, May 5, 1961, p. 6) that "students capable of independent study will be capable of independent relaxation." Solitude has its virtues, but there are times when we have to get out. The Colby undergraduates were looking forward to a Johnson Day with a keen expectancy. Then ol' Nobadaddy took it away. It's too bad about what happened - too bad about the mess and the broken windows - and most of all the hurt feelings of the Dean and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. But, Johnson Day cancelled, it had to be that way. What happened was not immoral in any way - and in another sense it's a good thing that we had this eruption

for it should cause some deep thinking on the part of the Administration on the specific needs of this campus for some sort of improvement in areas of undergraduate social life.

Alas, the poor Administration:



II.

Central to many of Colby's social problems is the paternalism of the Administration. The problem of our Victorian social code is especially crucial - particularly for students who, in their high school years were given a certain amount of freedom in making their own decisions. The virtues of "growing up" into an environment such as we have here at Colby seem to be highly questionable - and it is truly a wonder that we do not have that logical counterpart of the Victorian Code, namely compulsory chapel attendance. Continued in Column Three, page 8

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## Pre-Johnson Day Turnout Elates Administration

by PETER PATES

It was misty and chill as the herd quit a very successful Greek Sing and headed for a gaily anticipated talent show. Ted Mack unfortunately could not be present, but we did have the early Onig's crowd and some sturdy faculty.

In the Runnals Union, there was a definite shortage of chairs. People lined the walls, waiting. Waiting. Suddenly some pro-Castro boosters began an ominous round of applause, accompanied by the usual ritualistic signs of approval.

Bill Alexander and Edie Sewall introduced the gifted. The first to please was Rosemary Blankenship, who played a highly enjoyable "Rhapsody in Blue." Next was Sally Saaybe, who appeared as a little girl and played the piano. Bill then introduced Edie, who, with Dee Nelson and Karen Moore, sang "The Lavender Cowboy." Following this, Nick "Twinkletoes" Gross and his folkdance group, featuring Jimmy Johnson, performed a set of three dances from a country which disappeared after World War I. Alice "Lightfoot" Webb was an outstanding performer, the audience agreed. Next were the Colbyettes,

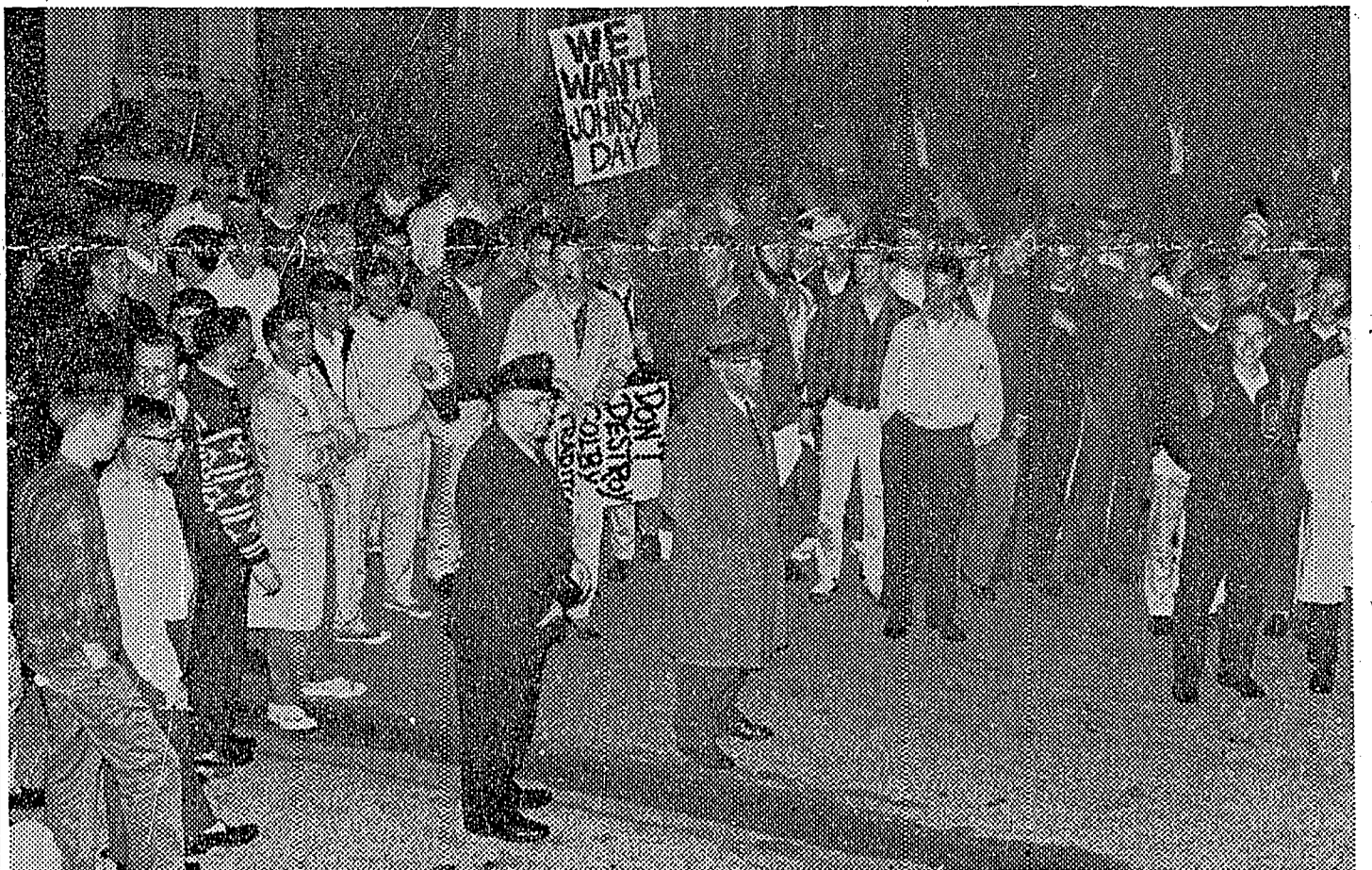
who ended with a menagerie of college names set to music. Steeve Reeves and Betsy Crockett continued with a singular modern dance comedy.

Intermission was great. The Deans were seen dickering with the National Guard in preparation for the later fiesta.

It was announced, immediately after the intermission, that DKE and Chi O were the winners of Greek Sing. The Dokes accepted humbly, like the true sports they are.

Midge Walton and Cindy Smith now commenced the second half of the show with "She Taught Me to Yodel" on a stepladder. Puey Romanavongse followed with an Oriental interpretative dance. The Polles Derriere was a classic example of grace, captivating the audience. The Colby Eight, replete with their chief Ted Lookhart, plus two singers, sang from their new repertoire. Everyone was heartened to learn that the Eight were in good voice. Then came the piece to resist, as they say in France: Jess, the one and only, accompanied by the DU

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George Whalen, Supt of Buildings and Grounds ignores taunts of protesting students at Runnals Union

tendance, also rigorously enforced. We of Colby College are men and women - sometimes I wonder about this as I picture the frisbie-flinging senior in office wear - but still we are men and women. But the Administration insists in thinking of the undergraduates as "boys and girls". See, if you will, the 1960 appeal for the Colby Alumni Fund Scholarship Program, which reads, "Deserving Colby Girls and Boys are Grateful For Your Help."

Or, I am reminded of the Roberts Union lunch line. This noon the dietitian came out to open the line and demanded that "you boys straighten up that line." It seems that our mothers are at home and that the Dean, if anyone, is our dad on campus. I have not been in an informal line that was told to "straighten up" since elementary school when we made lines, perfectly straight - sometimes we would wait 15 minutes for a straight line - to go to the toilet, the water fountain, the next teacher's room, lunch, an assembly. Several times I remember missing all of recess. I would submit that the place of the dietitian is in her office, or in her kitchen, or behind the lunch line - or expelling from the dining hall those

whose conduct is unruly. But she is no longer teaching elementary school, and we are no longer attending it.

I was told earlier this year that the Administration was hesitant to open dormitories during vacations because the College might turn into a "ski lodge." The rule is that no undergraduate can be in the dormitories at any time during vacation. I quote from the SPRINGFIELD UNION for April 4, 1961:

"125 Amherst Students Study during vacation - More than 125 Amherst College students - many of them honors candidates - are spending part or all of their spring vacation on campus. Those remaining on campus represent about one eighth of the student body."

Amherst is not worried about a ski lodge.

Then there is petty paternalism. Students must not write with easily-removable chalk on the walls of their rooms. Reason: too much dust for the maid (who doesn't really clean decently anyway - we forgive her for this and do not complain). The administration is at its mind's end trying to figure out why students persistently refuse to obey

rules of this sort. The answer is simple:

POSTULATE II: When the College makes regulations that THE STUDENTS think are STUPID they can expect them to be disregarded.

RULE I: "Stupid" Defined: A "stupid" rule is one for which the Administration offers no adequate proof.

And what is most amusing is the fact that as they say, "For do little stealin' day gets you in jail soon or late. For do big stealin' day makes you emporer and puts you in de Hall 'o Fame where you can croak." The Administration knows all about the chalk on the dormitory walls. Yosiree. And they're going to take immediate action. But nobody knew anything about The October Fifth Incident. Had the Administration really been on the ball that incident never would have happened as the elements necessary for its crystallization would have been properly excluded from the campus (This I submit would be the appropriate view for us to take in terms of the basic Protestant-Ethio-type thinking that is at the supposed core of the Administrative view. Though I would submit that in a more prop-

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# Editorial: Social Changes

An examination of the attitudes and criticisms expressed in the week's letters to the editor indicates that there are at least some particular suggestions which might help the social and intellectual life of the campus. The ECHO would like to suggest its own three-point program of changes of the present social regulations which we feel could be enacted quickly and easily (perhaps in time for next year), without jeopardizing the moral standards of the college.

1) The present system of social forms should be changed. Instead of having to fill out a somewhat involved social form five days in advance of the social gatherings, students should be required to give the pertinent information concerning the social function (chaperones, time, place, etc.) to the Dean of Women on the afternoon of the day for which the event would be held. Of course, Saturday parties would have to be reported on the Friday afternoon, since offices are closed on Saturday. Such a change would, while still keeping the Dean informed and giving her the opportunity to veto the plans in event of conflicting class-A functions, allow more spontaneous parties.

2) Women should be allowed more 12 o'clock permissions on week nights so that they could study uninterrupted in the library for a longer period of time than is now possible, instead of having to return to the dorms where concentrated study is made difficult by the crowded conditions.

3) Several, perhaps 7 or 8, of the seminar rooms in Lovejoy could be left open on week nights so that people would have spacious and quiet places where they could study without interruption. (The comment of a student attending Colby Summer School from another well-known college is relevant: ("Where do you people study around here?") The use of seminar rooms would have particular advantages, because men and women could get together to discuss ideas concerning papers or exams, without disturbing others as they would if they were to carry on a discussion in the library.

We feel that the above suggestions, if instituted, would not compromise the moral standards of the college or the students, and that they would enhance the social and intellectual life of the students.

Furthermore, we would also like to suggest that the discussions concerning social life and roles which many individual groups on campus (Women's League, Blue Key, the groups which meet with the Deans, etc.) could be opened for the general consideration of the entire student body.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTS

The regular weekly meeting of Student Government was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by President Frank Wiswall. Senior Class, Mary Low, Foss, Louise Coburn, Pan Hellenic, Men's Judiciary were not represented. The secretary's report was read and accepted. There was no treasurer's report.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next week shall be the last Stu G meeting of the academic year.
2. Correspondence has been received by Stu G from Buildings and Grounds commenting on the poor condition of Given Auditorium following the Operation Abolition film. The note urged the students to be more careful in the future especially in observation of the No Smoking rules.
3. U.S. NSA Student Tour information is available from the Stu G secretary. These tours are run at cost for student benefit.
4. Budget requests for funds from the Student Activity treas. are due from all organizations at the next meeting.
5. Those organizations having reports for the Colby Handbook must submit the material at the next meeting.
6. Johnson Day 1961 has been canceled due to the damp condition of the grounds. The planned pep rallies next year.

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## Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to congratulate Sue Freeman and Dusty Rhoades on their fine publicity stunt last Sunday night at Lovejoy, on behalf of the Colby Yacht Club. Unknowing of this hoax, I was soon able to enjoy five of the finest performances seen on any Colby stage. Though this hearing was a hoax, I cannot help but feel that it was partly educational, since all present were treated to, at least, an informal exhibition of American justice. Thank you for an enjoyable and worthwhile evening.

Smooth sailing,  
Bruce Lytle.

Dear Sir:

Ever since I came here, over six years ago, I have been disappointed in the way "Hail, Colby, Hail!" has been sung at our assemblies. I think it is a beautiful thing, though I know others may disagree with me; but I think if it is to be sung at all it should be with great spirit and not with the fear and trembling that always seem to accompany the performance. How about putting a little life into it at our next Recognition Assembly?

R. W. Noyes

jects would do more harm than good under these circumstances.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Colby literary magazines have been sent to Australia as requested.  
2. Final results of the Honor System questionnaires will be presented at the June faculty meeting by Pres. Wiswall.

3. It was moved and passed that Colby re-associate with the U.S. National Student Association and send at least one representative to the national congress. The total cost of this project will not exceed \$350. Colby will have two voting members at the congress and the proposed delegation for next year shall be Stu G president, Echo editor, NSA co-ordinator, to be elected at the next meeting.

4. Class officers were announced. There were many close races and any candidate desiring a recount may do so before May 15.

5. The committee on school spirit announced that cheerleading tryouts have been scheduled. Also, the possibility of skating cheerleaders for hockey games is under consideration. In addition Stu G will direct pep rallies next year.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The resolution was introduced and defeated that wives and children of married Colby students be admitted to Colby functions on the same basis as the students.

2. The resolution was introduced and defeated that the present election procedure of the Independent Men's representative to Stu G calling for 51% of the qualified voters be discontinued. The alternative suggestion was a plurality of those voting.

3. It was resolved and passed that a definite committee be established by law for the selection of Jr. Advisors for freshmen men and that a representative from the Independent Men be included on this committee. At present the committee consists of Pres. and V.P. of Stu G, Chairman of Men's Judiciary and Pres. of Inter-fraternity under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Men and selection procedure is governed by precedence.

4. It was resolved and tabled that Stu G suggest the enlargement of the admissions committee by two faculty members, who shall be selected by faculty vote.

5. The constitution of the John Marshall Society was presented for adoption at the next meeting. This society is for pre-law students.

6. It was moved and seconded that Stu G strongly recommend to Buildings and Grounds the construction of a new side walk leading north from the women's dorms as a stem from the base of the main

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## I. F. C.

TO THE EDITOR:

In recent months the I F C has become increasingly disturbed at the attacks directed against the fraternity system by the paper. Criticism itself is always welcome if the points attacked are valid. However, it is the half-truths and outright falsehoods which have appeared that prompted us to write this letter.

To speak from a factual basis, I would like to examine certain quotations which appeared in an editorial in the February 17 issue of the ECHO. I have taken this example, not necessarily as representative, but because this issue was closest at hand. The editorial was concerned with the disappearance of Colby's last local fraternity, now Alpha Delta Phi, and the block to intellectual creativity posed by over-traditionalism within fraternities. I question the following points:

"Physical hazing is preserved on the grounds that it is traditionally 'good fun' . . ."

This statement is far from true. Physical hazing is preserved as a method of promoting unity within an incoming pledge class and is analogous in purpose to practices carried on by the services for essentially the same reason. It is for this reason, too, that a degree of physical hazing is sanctioned by the I F C. Were "good fun" the main purpose of hazing it would certainly be short-lived on this campus.

"The rivalry between DKE and ATO, including a goat, is defended quite openly on the grounds that it is a Colby tradition, as well as a DKE tradition throughout the nation, even though the rivalry this year led to physical violence and hatred."

Though it is true that there was physical violence (for which the DKE's were penalized) and that the goat is a Colby tradition, the goat's purpose is not to encourage a rivalry between ATO and DKE and this rivalry has only entered the Colby tradition in comparatively recent years. Again, DKE did not attempt to defend the rivalry between the two houses on the grounds that it was a tradition per se, but merely to point out that this tradition had not been chastized in the past. Finally, there was little evidence of "hatred" generated between the two houses; "excitement" would be a word somewhat closer to the truth.

"Fraternity men have insisted that nothing would ever get done on campus if it were not for the fact that the fraternities are prodded into activity by the promise of Bixler Bowl points."

This charge is absurd. If there is any award which is taken with a large grain of salt, it is the Bixler Bowl. Of course, this award lends a great deal of prestige to the winning house, but most fraternity men are unaware of how points are accumulated. I believe primary motives must be examined here: Does a fraternity carry on various activities on campus for the promise of Bixler Bowl points or for the improvement of the individual, the fraternity system, and for the college? Does an athlete play sports for Bixler Bowl points? Do students seek good grades for the Bixler Bowl points they attain? Do fraternity men enter Powder and Wig, Outing Club, etc., for points? Do our various student officers seek office to accumulate points? Of course not.

The letters to the paper, which are, I believe, printed in their entirety and without exception, also contain occasional discrepancies. One which I recall stated that the college should take immediate steps to abolish discriminatory clauses appearing in fraternity constitutions since the college owns 51% of the houses. Not so! The college owns the land to be sure, and holds a mortgage for a large portion of the

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## Editor's Reply

As editor of the ECHO, I would like to make my position clear concerning fraternities. I, along with Mr. MacPherson and IFC, recognize the potential and actually existing benefits of fraternities, and I am not at all opposed to fraternities at Colby. I still maintain, however, that there are some aspects of fraternities which need reconsideration, and that many of these aspects are supported or protected by a strong reliance upon tradition.

I would like to answer the particular charges of Mr. MacPherson, representing IFC, in his letter. His first criticism is that physical hazing is not supported on the grounds that it is "good fun", but on the grounds that it serves a constructive purpose in pledge training. Both, of course, are true. In my own experience men have usually supported the general idea of physical hazing on the grounds that it is a constructive pledge training method, but they have supported physical hazing when it gets out of hand (which has not been frequently this year) on the grounds that it is intended to be good fun.

I feel that the statement that the "goat's purpose is not to encourage a rivalry between ATO and DKE" is irrelevant.

Whether or not the goat's purpose was to encourage a rivalry, the fact is that it is now the basis for one, and everyone knows it. Besides, I was not criticizing the fact of rivalries in the editorial. Rivalries can be quite healthy and enjoyable. I objected only to the fact that the rivalry got out of hand this year, and pointed out that it was defended on the grounds of tradition. Whether or not the goat rivalry has a tradition is being "chastized", the question at hand was whether the particular incidents were justifiable. I did not think so, and I did not think that the fact that the tradition had not been criticized before was relevant. Apparently, IFC did not either.

Concerning "hatred" expressed over the particular events of the rivalry, there is certainly no hatred between the houses now and, at

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# SOCIAL RULES QUESTIONED

To the Editor of the Echo:

It is perhaps in the area of social regulations that we must be most sympathetic to the college administration. When the students demand later hours of closing for buildings, more places for interpersonal privacy, and more liberal hours for the coeds, we make such demands in the face of a number of problems. The college faces not only the problem of preserving the virtue of its young female students, but also the many problems of protecting its property from irresponsible intruders. The college wishes to maintain its good name and not to encourage excesses. In such a capacity our college is simply acting like any paternalistic institution responsible for youth.

Despite Colby's good intentions, however, there is little question that the college's policy is a cause of student unrest, of the lack of an intellectual atmosphere, and of the childish and excessive socializing that occurs here. There are few places to go with a girl on a casual date on the campus and fewer natural opportunities to meet people. In Waterville there is the choice of either the movies or a bar. As a result dates tend to be made only to formal events such as plays, Saturday evening fraternity dances, athletic events and college dances. True, students could dates more to lectures, to art exhibitions, and to extra-curricular activities; but they don't. Consequently social life here is relatively barren. It is confined, to the segment of the men's side willing to use the limited facilities, to the fortunate ones with fraternity houses, and to those somehow in love.

But what can the college do? It simply has a lack of intelligent activities. It made a tragic and probably an irreparable mistake by creating two unions, neither of them a true all college center. The lack of coed dining needlessly aggravates the void. Sad to say, except for times when something like a concert is happening, the true social center of the college is confined to the several hundred feet in the Library that contains the Reference Room and the SPA. One goes there to hunt for people. But can the college do more? It could build with money plus an unexpected dash of courage and imagination; yet a recognition that students are humans seems unlikely in the near future.

More, much more, is needed than simply giving the girls later hours. Despite the benefits that might come to the college from having the females present and unconfined until a later hour, the problem is not solved until there is something to do with them. We doubt that even the most unimaginative students here would be satisfied simply with sheer sex, talk and socializing — no matter how liberal the conditions and how available the opportunities. Even if the college permitted girls in the dormitories at certain hours and even if it opened Lovejoy for studying and even if Roberts Union were a more congenial place, it would still lack a true center for the campus.

The solution in short is a genuine student union and campus center as a building in its own right. It could draw together all streams of campus life. The library would be the natural center, but our foolish insistence that a "library is for books, studying, and silence" will prevent this last bastion of socializing from being utilized. What can be done?

The best thing to do would be to expand the library or an area near the library into a genuine student center with rooms for meeting, avail-

able on the asking by any student group wishing to use them. A Spa, postoffice, dining room, recreation facilities should be available. The Echo, Oracle, Stu-G, IFC, and Women's League should hold their meetings there.

As it is, we students seem to be suffering less from sexual frustration than from a crying need to be together. We flock to dances, riots, crowd Greek Sing, and overflow athletic events, and laurel the Spa. Those who don't are uniquely self-sufficient with books, roommates, fraternities, and sports. This suggests that the college needs to provide for more opportunities for talking, discussion, planning, and doing things. It is no accident that the Spa is the most popular place on campus. And there is little question that the college with its good, but misguided, intentions has been seriously bungled. It will take more than spontaneous eruptions from the good hearted bureaucracy to get us out of the hole. The traditional stereotypes of separate buildings for separate functions must be discarded. Such practices only fragment the campus and aggravate the student problem. Worse still, they are probably the worst impediment that Colby faces in trying to achieve its stated aim: "To move into the front ranks of colleges of its kind."

Dan. Hodges,  
President of Blue Key

Dear Editor:

For most of the men and a good deal of the women, the function and operation of the Women's Student League is either not understood, or it is to some degree, misunderstood. Every Colby woman student is a member of the League, with the right to voice her opinion in the administration of its policies. For the purpose of efficiency, the League is co-ordinated through an Executive Board, to which representatives from various units of the Women's Division are elected.

The form of government under which the women's student body operates is named the Colby System. This system was proposed four years ago by the students and has been in effect since that time. The Colby System is an Honor System in which each girl is responsible for acting honorably herself and for encouraging honorable conduct on the part of others as well.

For successful group living, there must be a minimum of rules and a maximum of individual and group responsibility. For any community there are limits, and so for Colby too. Hours have been established, and changes are made to meet the demands of new groups of students. When hours are established, it is each girl's responsibility for observing them. There is no one to check on a girl if she is late. The responsibility is her own. In order to provide a certain leeway, a demerit system has been established, allowing a girl to accumulate up to seven demerits before she is counselled by the Interdorm Board, a body which handles such infractions.

The Women's Judiciary Board is another aspect of the Women's government. Its purpose is two-fold. It continually evaluates the system and makes decisions on cases which involve serious infractions of the Colby System. Counseling is as important a part of the Board's function as the giving or corrective action.

By the co-ordination of the two boards, weaknesses in the Colby System are strengthened. However, the overall effectiveness of the System lies in the attitudes and personal responsibility of each woman who agrees to live under this sys-

tem.

The advantages of our Colby System are manifold. By placing a great amount of individual and group responsibility in the hands of each girl, it is hoped that this will contribute to the development of mature attitudes. The disadvantage of the system is that one girl's irresponsible attitude results in a definite weakening of the honor system for all.

To insure the ultimate success of the Colby System, it is essential that the men understand and respect it, for many of our regulations involve their co-operation. For example, any extension of hours requires that the men be willing to get their dates in at the proper time and to be out of the dorm when it closes. As evidenced by previous infractions, it is not always the fault of the girl that she is late. Consequently, before granting later hours, we must be confident that the men also abide by the Colby System regulations.

Mary Ballantyne  
President, Women Student  
League  
Lael Swinney  
Chief Justice

Dear Editor:

The Runnals Union Committee has been concerned with the social problem on campus for some time. The Union is for social activities only, with one exception — room 201 which we have allowed as a study room after the Physical Education department has used it for the day. Unfortunately, space in the Union is limited, and when one couple is in a room, this automatically (through an unwritten rule) prevents other couples from using the room at the same time.

With the exception of theasley Room, a room for women only, the entire second floor is open to couples. Room 201 is the ONLY study area; Dunn Lounge with its excellent stereo is for dancing and casual fun; Smith Lounge is a "quiet place." Of course coffee, tea, cocoa, and popcorn along with the facilities of the kitchen are open to you. The Ping Pong room is downstairs. Unfortunately these are the only rooms open to couples at this time. We wish we had more facilities, but until we do, please remember there are other couples who like to use the Union in addition to the women students.

If you have any suggestions as to expansion or improvement of these facilities do not hesitate to let Miss Brady or I know. As I said before, the Union's purpose is recreational, so any suggestions along this line will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
Muff Symonds,  
Chairman, Runnals  
Union Committee

Dear Mr. Miles:

Social regulations have a distinct place in a co-educational college, but rigid rules must be modified to maintain progress rather than succumb to stagnation. The Maine "blue law" environment has undoubtedly played a key role in the formation of present social rules at Colby. Nevertheless, it is time for the college administration to examine its present narrow social restrictions. It is our feeling that Colby's liberal values and ideas should be transmitted socially as well as academically.

Perhaps our keenest opposition is toward the present administration policy against allowing men to entertain women in fraternity house rooms. By entertaining, it is understood to include discussion in relative ease away from the crowded

dance floor with open doors and close house-mother scrutiny. It is our feeling that fraternities are being discriminated against with regard to the present regulation not allowing girls above the 1st floor. The women's dormitories have open houses on Sunday afternoon with a minimum of regulation and adverse effects. Moreover, even the men's dormitories have had open houses in the past. Nevertheless fraternity open houses are frowned upon for the evil that might occur in the absence of an adequate house-mother police force. It is our contention that inspection, maturity and the morals of fraternity men and Colby women will demand a high standard of conduct in the rooms at all times. The hours of Colby women have also seemed unduly restrictive, to the social atmosphere. The fact that the latest permission the women are allowed to take is twelve o'clock, indicates an extremely over paternalistic administration attitude. It seems quite obvious that more frequent late permissions will not distract from beauty sleep nor would it spur any undue corruption. Immorality can be conceived just as easily before 10:30.

These are but two points that seem to be incongruous with present social thought in Colby fraternities and at Colby. We do not recommend a striving to emulate other colleges' rules and restrictions, but what we do hope for is a more liberal attitude will regard to present social regulations.

Budky Lawton  
Dick Schmaltz  
Co-Social Chairmen, Delta Upsilon

To the Editor:

I think that it is too bad that there is almost no place at Colby, except perhaps a car, where male and female students can meet informally as a group, or, with some degree of privacy, as a couple.

I am not too familiar with the situation in the fraternities; however, I have been told that it is not conducive to casual informal meetings with the girls. With the independents, the situation seems impossible. There are no places where a group of independents can have an informal party with girls. In fact, except for all-college dances, fraternity open houses, or class picnics, it is impossible for almost any sort of social communication on the college campus. I think most independents, as well as most fraternity men, would like some place where they could meet informally and privately with a girl.

Russ Sturges

Dear Editor:

In connection with your editorial of last week, I want to say that I believe that the purpose of a college is to develop its students intellectually, morally, and socially. Least recognized, because most entering college students have already formulated an ethical code, is the responsibility of the college to nurture a moral code in its student. Nevertheless, the college should suggest a way of life to its students. Consequently, each person should be encouraged to reason out how he should act; it has more meaning to someone if he decides himself on a path of action rather than following the dictates of someone else.

Colby, I believe, has overlooked this fact, and has tried to enforce a Puritanical ethic on its students. But in so deciding the social rules, the college has defeated its purpose — the intellectual, moral, and social growth of its students. The effects of the rules have gone so far as to have closed private study

centers. Furthermore, when one is outside the class room, much of one's development depends on his social contacts. In social groups, the creation and exchange of ideas, moral or otherwise, plus social experience, are furthered. In view of this fact, and to conquer sexual frustration, I suggest a more liberal social policy.

I would call for complete student freedom, such as exists at a school like Haverford. But realizing that this is a radical step, I would tone down the suggestion to two main points. First, all men's dormitories and fraternities should be open to co-eds, unchaperoned, every afternoon of the week. This would allow for informal get-togethers. Second, I would like to see the fraternities and the dormitories open from 1:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Along with this suggestion is the provision that there be no need for chaperones at any party. A responsible fraternity officer, with the help of a few brothers, can make sure that any party does not get out of hand. To stop the threat of brawls, a college representative should be on hand to check any wild parties and to put a flagrant fraternity on social probation. I believe that the resultant freer atmosphere, following the adoption of these rules, will stimulate the intellectual, moral, and social growth of Colby's students.

M. Westcott, Social Chairman  
Alpha-Delta Phi

Dear Editor:

Since attention has been called to the regulations regarding social activities, there are a few points I would like to comment on:

After going through the trying process of obtaining chaperones for our Spring Weekend, I have tried to figure out some of the reasons for making them necessary. The original purpose of the chaperones was to carry out the old drinking rules, rules which no longer exist. Most of the faculty which consents to do the chaperoning could probably find something much more interesting to do on these nights. The school hires house mothers for all the fraternities which have their own houses, partially for the purpose of supervising the parties. I think the chaperoning should end with this.

The other campus regulations that I question are those concerned with the permission of the girls. There is little reason why their night permissions could not be extended another hour, especially on Saturday night.

Another rule that is not easy to be understood concerns the times the girls are allowed in the houses. Why they cannot come in any other time the house mother is there completely stymies me.

Yours sincerely,  
Bruce Ferguson  
Zeta Psi

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is twofold: first, to second the condemnation of the hypocritical and puritanical "morality rules" at Colby; and second, to suggest a few ways in which the situation might be improved. Indeed, it is ironic that while a Colby man cannot even talk in private with a Colby woman on Colby property, he can fulfill all his desires if he chooses to do so in a parked car, a motel, or on top of the water tower. If the administration is to protect the morals of its student body, would it not be wise to send chaperones into the woods in back of the chapel after dark? Further, the morality of an individual student is not within the jurisdiction of an intellectual community.

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## Maine Takes State Track Meet; Colby Total Highest In 18 Years

While Carry Back was winning the Kentucky Derby, the University of Maine was amassing 80 points, the highest total since 1943, to run away with the 62nd Maine Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet at Bates last Saturday. Colby finished fourth behind Bates and Bowdoin respectively but scored more points than any Colby team in the past 18 years.

The Mules captured one first place when Bill Swornstedt tossed the Javelin 184 feet 6 inches. Ken Bee picked up a third place for Colby in the same event.

Second places for Colby were won by Dan Politica in the shot put and Rodger Jeans in the mile. Rodger also placed third in the two mile event a distance he had never previously entered. Other point getters for the Mules were Olney White who placed third in the 100; Matt Perry who took a fourth in the 880 and Charlie Pettee who finished fourth in the two mile run.

Two meet records were set during the day, both by Maine sophomores. Pete MacPhee, recipient of the Alan Hillman Memorial Trophy as the Meet's outstanding performer, set

the new standard for the 440 at 48.1, breaking the old record held by Rudy Smith of Bates. Baron Hickey flashed a 14.9 second trial in the 120 high hurdles to break the old mark.

SCORES — Maine 80, Bates 39, Bowdoin 27, Colby 19.

Pole Vault — 1. Tie Roland Dubois and Winston Crandell (Maine) 3. Tie John Dudley (Maine) Dennis Brown (Bates) Francis Ronan (Bowdoin). Height 11-8.

Javelin — 1. Bill Swornstedt (Colby) 2. Bob Lucas (Maine) 3. Ken Bee (Colby) 4. John Curtiss (Bates) Distance 184-6.

Broad Jump — 1. Dave Boone (Bates) 2. Steve Ross (Bowdoin) 3. Pete Mone (Bowdoin) 4. Bob Donovan (Maine) Distance 22-2½.

Hammer — 1. Dick Nason (Maine) 2. Terry Horne (Maine) 3. Joe Woodhead (Maine) Gerry Haviland (Bowdoin) Distance 185-8½.

High Jump — 1. J. Hall (Bates) 2. Tie Carl Rapp (Bates) Steve Ross and Paul Quinlon (Bowdoin) Height 5-11.

Shot — 1. Bruce Frost (Bowdoin) 2. Dan Politica (Colby) 3. Fred Newman (Bowdoin) 4. Terry Horne

(Maine). Distance 48.

Discus — 1. Dick Nason (Maine) 2. Bruce Frost (Bowdoin) 3. Terry Horne (Maine) 4. Howard Hall (Bowdoin). Distance 147-9.

Mile — 1. Mike Kimball (Maine) 2. Roger Jeans (Colby) 3. Tim Carter (Maine) 4. Bernd Heinrich (Maine) Time 4:25.

440 — 1. Pete MacPhee (Maine) 2. Bob Peek (Bates) 3. Dave Boone (Bates) 4. Jim Fisher (Bowdoin) Time 48:1.

120 High Hurdles — 1. Baron Kicken (Maine) 2. Bill Lavalley (Bates) 3. Paul Palmer (Bates) 4. Sam Elliot (Bowdoin). Time 15.

880 — 1. Will Spencer (Maine) 2. Larry Boston (Bates) 3. Lorrimer Hodges (Maine) 4. Matt Perry (Colby). Time 1:53.8.

100 — 1. Frank Vana (Bates) 2. Dave Parker (Maine) 3. Olney White (Colby) 4. Sam Grey (Bowdoin) Time 10:1.

222 — 1. Pete MacPhee (Maine) 2. Dave Parker (Maine) 3. Jon Ford (Bates) 4. Sam Grey (Bowdoin). Time 21:2.

Two Mile — 1. Bernd Heinrich (Maine) 2. Mike Kimball (Maine) 3. Roger Jeans (Colby) 4. Charles Pettee (Colby) Time 10:06.2.

220 Low Hurdles — 1. Baron Hicken (Maine) 2. Dave Janke (Bates) 3. Bill Lavalley (Bates) 4. Sam Elliot (Bowdoin). Time 24:8.

Freshman Relay — (Does not count in scoring). 1. Maine 2. Bowdoin 3. Colby, 4. Bates.

## Varsity Nine Blasts B.U. And Trips Maine 5-2

Coach John Winkin's nine registered two impressive wins this past week over Maine and Boston University. The 5-2 victory against Maine on May 4th put the Mules into serious contention for the State Championship with important doubleheaders against Bowdoin and Bates scheduled for this week.

In the Maine game, Colby pitcher Jim Bridgeman went the route in posting his third consecutive victory without a defeat. He gave up just five hits, struck out six and walked four besides contributing a run-scoring double.

Captain Dave Seddon got the Mules off fast with a homer to left-center in the first inning. Colby picked up another marker in the fourth when Cy Theobald singled home Bill Waldeyer, but the Bears knotted the score in the top of the sixth on a two run single by Ed Ranzoni. The Mules came roaring back in the bottom of the sixth to put the game on ice with three runs. Theobald, batting in two with a single, and scored the third on Bridgeman's double. Bridgeman then slammed the door on the Bears for the last three innings to nail down the win.

Bill Waldeyer, starting his first varsity game at third to fill in for injured Doug Mulcahy, turned in a

fine performance with the glove.

On Saturday, May 6, the Mules trounced Boston University, 10-1. Colby jumped into an early five run lead by the second inning on a combination of timely hits and several fielding lapses by BU. The Mules added two runs in the fourth and two more in the sixth.

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## Netmen Edge Bates Secure 2nd Spot Tie

Coach Mike Loeb's varsity netmen gained at least a tie for second spot in the State Series by posting victories over Bates and the University of Maine this past week. The Mules edged the Bobcats 5-4 in a down to the wire contest, May 5, at Lewiston, and blasted a weak Black Bear team 8-1, Monday, May 8, on the Wales tennis courts. Previous to these victories Colby was defeated by Bowdoin 8-1, and by New Hampshire 7-2.

The most exciting contest of the year was the Bates match. Colby had previously suffered a decisive home loss to Bob Pecks racketmen and were dedicated to returning the compliment. In the six singles matches, of which five went the full three sets, the Mules managed to gain 4 points. Singles victories were scored by Wingate, Snow, Keddy

and Woocher. The final point needed for victory was earned by the doubles duo of Paul Keddy and Kim Snow who edged out a hard fought three set victory.

Colby's record for the season is now 4-6 with one match still to be played.

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# Pious Questions Campus Organiza'ns

Are They Consistent  
With Freedom of Inquiry  
by RICHARD DIOUS

One of the best aspects of the fraternity system as it exists on American campuses is the method of choice which it fosters. The rushing, the smokers, the open houses, and the system of pledging all are a process which enables the freshman to become acquainted with the fraternity system. Most of us probably did not come to Colby with the intention of joining a certain house, or of being an independent or "fraternity man". The method of choice, and of decision in the fraternity system can be applied also to other aspects of college life. Colby as a liberal arts college should make a positive attempt to extend the method of choice embodied in the fraternity system to politics, vocations, and moral and religious expressions of the students.

We have at Colby three political organizations. The Democratic, Republican, and Young Conservative Clubs have all been trying to stir up some political enthusiasm on campus. It has been considered a sign of student apathy that these efforts have, since the presidential election, failed. The attempt of the new Young Conservative Club will also fail if it does not concern itself with its proper role on an undergraduate campus. Students are not apathetic about politics; they discuss issues in classes and in bull sessions. They don't know the answers, and to attempt to create clubs of definite political opinion harms the development of ideas which the college teaches. The political clubs should be transformed from mere parrots of party platforms and defenders of party policies to organizations which do not excuse, but rather to inquire into the policies of the liberals and conservatives, communists and John Birchers, Democrats and Republicans. The stupidity of having college students, ostensibly attending school

## JOHNSON DAY

Although Johnson Day has been cancelled for this year, students still wishing to participate in the campus-group work program may report to the Buildings and Grounds Office tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. where they can pick up equipment.

to learn, distribute assorted garbage for political parties which they are learning about, speaks for itself. Another example where methods of inquiry and choice should be extended is in the choice of a vocation. One of the things that distinguishes a college from a vocational school or technical or business school is the insistence on unrestricted freedom of inquiry, a liberal education, and an experience of exploration and discovery. A question which has been often raised is whether a student should come to a liberal arts college with a definite vocation in mind. The formation of clubs such as the John Marshall Society can, if used in the right way, give students a better understanding of the vocations they may be preparing to enter. A club that concerns itself with nothing more than learning how to prepare for Law School Examinations, advising students on what pre-legal courses to take, and other trivia is really not making a definite contribution to campus activity. If, on the other hand, it offers lectures by lawyers and jurists, and discusses the aspects of the legal profession rather than how one prepares for it, it can foster a genuine interest in law which will be based on fact and preference.

One of the best examples of the method of inquiry and choice is the religious groups on campus. Often the various lectures, debates, and discussions draw a greater number of students from outside the faith than members to attend the meetings. One point that might be made is the need for a change of attitude among the groups. Is it consistent with freedom of inquiry to attend college with more than a nominal belief in one's faith? Can a student objectively discuss philosophies and other religions if he maintains a strong church affiliation while in college? These are matters of conscience, and there will be no attempt to answer them here, but they are worth considering.

## Man & Superman Action Picks Up In Final Act

Colby's Powder and Wig Dramatic Society presented an enjoyable production of Shaw's sparkling comedy, *Man and Superman* last week at the Waterville Opera House.

Mr. Paul Perez carried the first act with his fine portrayal of Roebuck Ramsden, the old man of "advanced ideas." Frank Stevenson as Tanner was quite adequate, and Tom Curtis as Octavius was genuinely funny; Alice Evans, as Susan Ramsden, also carried her share of the burden successfully. Suzy Martin however, as Violet, was disappointingly dull.

While the first act dragged somewhat, the second went over fairly well. Dave Norman as the Cockney chauffeur, Straker, was perfectly delightful, and managed to very nearly steal every scene in which he appeared. Ann, played by Pam Crabtree, who had been less than captivating and exciting in the first act, warmed up somewhat in her second scenes. Ronnie Hamburger as Malone, the American, did an excellent job. His scene with a much improved Violet was delicious.

Happily, the third act was extremely good, and made up pretty much for what was lacking in the two previous acts. The opening dialogue between Peter Demman as Mr. Malone, and Straker, set the tone for the charming and flashing last act. Suzy Martin hit her peak in this act, playing the money-conscious Englishwoman to the hilt. Hamburger, Curtis and Stevenson also performed at their best in Act 3. Pam Crabtree was still too much Pam and not enough Ann; one couldn't be sure whether she was supposed to be outright clever or subtly so. Her acting lacked dimension.

The costumes and settings were tasteful, and the crew deserves credit. The touring car was a sensational hit; in fact, it came very close to stealing the second act from the actors. The lighting also was effective.

In summary one would have to say that, while not superb, the play was somewhat pleasant and enjoyable.

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Band. After months of practice, they sounded great. They could be heard on Main Street. Their first number, more or less together, was, "Bury Me Not On the Lone Prairie." The crowd was sedate and unmoved. Jess then soloed with his claim to fame, Bony Marony. Looking like a 200 pound exotic dancer with the DT's, and sounding much like the mating call of the Alaska moose, he captivated the crowd. He and Sonny Bryant then had a titillating drum duel, breaking four drumsticks and shattering six eardrums. The arpeggios were astounding. In the finale, the DU band swung again into "Bury Me Not," and the show closed until next year.

Dean Nickerson and Mr. Whalen were very happy to see the great turnout for Johnson Day.

President Strider will preside at the annual Recognition Assembly on May 16. At this assembly, awards for academic and athletic achievements during the past year are meted out, and elections to the college honor societies, Blue Key and Cap and Gown, are announced. Of particular interest to all Colby students will be the presence of President Emeritus and Mrs. J. Seelye Bixler. The former President will be in an unfamiliar role, as guest speaker, rather than presiding officer in this, his first return to Colby since his retirement last June.

## Student Advisors Chosen For '61 '62

24 Women and 50 Men Picked  
To Help Incoming Freshmen

The Junior Advisors for the year 1961-62 have been announced by the Dean of Women. They are Polly French, Chairman; Marcia Achilles, Jeanne Anderson, Karen Beganny, Ellie Burgess, Janet Callahan, Meredith Claus, Donna Cobb, Diane Emerson, Sue Ferries, Barbara Haines, Karen Johnson, Shirley Kelley, Janice Mazzo, Connie Miller, Sally Morse, Debbie Munsell, Gail Price, Anne Quirion, Barbara Read, Sue Schaeff, Edie Sewell, Judy Thompson, Mary Wheaton. These twenty-four girls were chosen by the past Junior Advisors and the Dean of Women on the basis of their enthusiasm, responsibility, initiative, insight, interest in Colby, and scholastic average. Their job will be to help and to advise the incoming Freshmen during their first year at Colby.

Student Advisors for the Men's Division have been selected for the school year, 1961-1962. A group of fifty junior and senior men were chosen by a four-man student committee made up of the President and Vice-President of Student Government, Frank Wiswall and Ron Ryan, Chief of the Men's Judiciary, Bruce MacPherson, and President of IFC, Bill Marx.

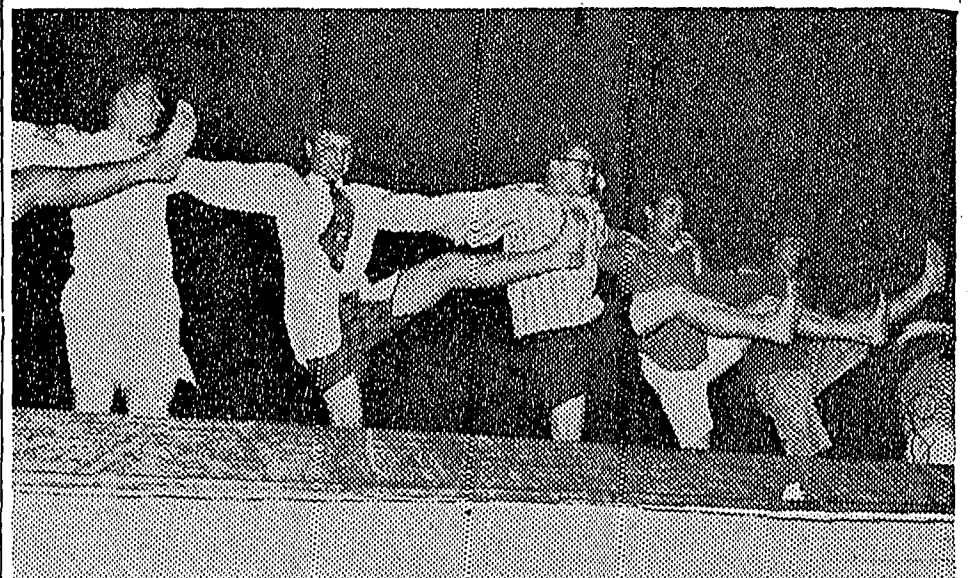
It is interesting to note that of the fifty men selected, only sixteen were sophomores. Two years ago, all advisors were taken from the sophomore class. Since that time, the student advisory program has included both sophomores and juniors with the majority coming from the junior class.

The DKE's led the fraternity representation with nine men chosen. Lambda Chi was second with eight, followed by seven Zetas, seven

KDR's, six DU's, five ADP's, four Tau Deltas, two ATO's, one Phi Delta, no Pi Lams, and one independent. The fifty men chosen were approved by the Dean of Men's Office. Of the fifty chosen, it is expected that forty to forty-five will accept. The fifty are listed below: Peter Archer (Co-Chairman), Arthur L. Barr, Stephen Bartow, William Bassett, Charles Carey, Stephen Carey, Stephen Carpenter, Albert Carville, Garth Chandler, William Christie, Terence Corder, Robert Crespi, John Crowell, Timothy Dakin, Peter Duggan (Co-Chairman), Robt. Emmet, James French, Robert Glennan, Joseph Gray, John Grieco, Henry Hansen, Robert Haskell, Edward Hayde, James A. Johnson, Ralph Kimball, Peter Leonfanti, Ralph Loffredo, Malcolm MacLean, Bruce Marshall, John McHale, Frederick Merrill, Carl Meyerhuber, Alan Neigher, Byron Petrakis, Daniel Politica, William Pye, Henry Sargent, Dean Shea, Richard Simkins, Carl Stinson, Robert Sylvia, David Thaxter, Louis Theobald, Richard Varney, Peter Vogt, John Webster, Allston Weller, Michael Westcott, Penrose Williamson, John Wilson, and Joseph Wright.



Variety Show: The Colbyettes



Variety Show: Les Folies Bare Derriere



The Johnson Tree

## SENIORS! SENIORS! SENIORS!

Mr. Loeb has requested you to get in touch with him as soon as possible for room reservations at commencement exercises. If you have misplaced your reservation forms, simply call on him at the men's gym or drop him a note. Parents staying on campus during Commencement weekend will go directly to the Women's Union to secure their room assignments.

The Colby College Glee Club will make its Boston Symphony Hall Debut on Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m. at the annual Colby Afternoon at the Pops. The program is sponsored by the College's Alumni Association for the benefit of a scholarship fund. The student vocalists will present two selections — "Song of the Open Road" by Norman Dello Joio and "Colbiana." "Colbiana" consists of Colby songs and was arranged by Peter Ro, director of the Glee Club.



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ity, it is the responsibility of the parents. By the time a student reaches college age, he is generally mature enough to regulate his own behavior or he is too far gone to save. At any rate, as with the drinking rule, a morality code which is enforced only in certain places is absurd, if not unnecessary. Social life must not be equated with sexual life — the administration must remember that there are good, mature adults in the student body, persons who wish to have a place to go where they can be alone, where they can talk or study in privacy.

I would make the following specific suggestions to the administration in order to provide a better opportunity for privacy and harmless "togetherness" on the Colby campus:

First, that the rooms in the Women's Union be reopened. There is no reason for these rooms to be left idle all day and all night when they could be used for couples who want to study, talk, or for other purpose within the limits of decency.

Second, that the stacks in the library be opened during the evenings, depending upon the availability of the staff to check out books. Some couples will probably seize this opportunity for pursuits other than intellectual, but is this a valid reason for denying the privileges of study for those who would like to use the stacks for study during the evening? It is a fact little studying is accomplished during the day at Colby, and also that many students have labs or afternoon classes which make it impossible for them to use the stacks during the regular library hours.

Third, the rule that no women are allowed in the men's dormitories at any time is totally without point. In theory, it is illegal for a girl to wait for her date inside the door of a dormitory even in a downpour or blizzard. Certainly women should be allowed in the lounge of a quad fraternity or independent dorm just as they are allowed to enter a fraternity house. There is certainly nothing immoral about showing your date the courtesy of letting her wait comfortably in a fraternity or dormitory lounge, nor must there be an adverse consequence from inviting her in to watch television or talk.

Finally, something should be done about the "mass smooch" in the girls' dormitories. The problem of fifty people saying goodnight in a small doorway is somewhat unavoidable, yet, they could be made more embarrassing. The house mothers should be out of the way, a few

lights should be turned off, and it certainly should be permissible for a girl to step outside to say goodnight to her date without being locked out.

In general, then, Colby's intellectual freedom should be matched by a similar moral freedom. Few souls will be saved in college and certainly a strict set of rules will not help but hinder the problem. The administration should take more confidence in its well chosen student body and give them the mature treatment which they deserve — I would certainly not ask for a libertine attitude, yet the freedom and progress of the present age and the growth of the individual character of the student requires a more realistic attitude on the part of the administration.

William Furstenburg

Dear Editor:

It seems that the administration (in conjunction with Stu-G) should condense a "mass necking room," for this is as if an attempt were being made to lift the restrictions that have been so predominant on this campus. If freedom and trust are going to be given to the students why not abolish the use of social forms?

We are all members of the "Colby Family," right? Trust should therefore be displayed in the members just as it is displayed in private families anywhere. Speaking as a sorority woman, when a form has to be filed just because we want to have a car wash, it seems like an unnecessary inconvenience. Is the purpose of these social forms to keep a check on the groups on campus, their activities (whether coed or not) or is it just so that no other activity would be scheduled when there was a "class A" function? Or, for that matter, are they just so that the social chairman has something to do besides make up the calendar? Social forms do destroy any attempt to have spontaneous parties with the opposite sexes, because now the social forms demand restrictions that cannot be met without previous planning. If Colby has chosen to retain its students, is she not displaying distrust in the members of her "family," by providing such group limitations? Or is it felt that the students are not mature? Anyway a definite improvement in the social life on this campus would be to abolish the "social form," which would give the students leeway to do as they pleased. Why not designate a trial period where no social forms have to be filed, and see what happens? The results might be amazing! (The students can be trusted).

Sincerely,  
Alice Walker, ADII

To The Editor:

In the recent months there has been general criticism and evaluation of the Colby system, the form

of government of the women's student body. We feel that one of the major faults of the system lies with us, the Colby upperclass women. We should not look farther than our own understanding or lack of understanding of the system.

We feel that the upperclass women's first responsibility is to understand the system. This includes first, an understanding of the general attitudes that form the basis of community living. It entails not only a knowledge of the rules but a thorough insight into the reasons behind them. Understanding also means a knowledge of how adherence to each rule contributes to the success of the system. Most important, each woman must understand that in accepting the Colby system she is incorporating the standards of the system into her own value system. With understanding comes obedience.

We know that adherence to the rules is essential, but responsibility does not end here. The upperclass woman has a responsibility to the freshmen. . . The freshman arrives with a positive attitude toward the system. She is met by:

1. An apathetic attitude toward the system.
2. Open disobedience of the rules.
3. Upper class women's inability to answer questions concerning the system.
4. Personal rationalization of violations.
5. Little individual responsibility.
6. A pledge service which is little more than an occasion for talking, giggling, or knitting.

Why should she live up to the system when so many around her fail to live up to or care anything about it? She cannot, unless there is a drastic change in our attitude. This then is the upperclass women's second responsibility.

If the upperclass woman does not agree with the system or any part of it, she can do something about it. It is her responsibility to act positively. She can come to Student League meetings. She can participate in House meetings. She can speak with her class or dorm representative to Student League. This is the Colby woman's third responsibility — to be positive and constructive in her criticism.

The upperclass woman should not have to look far beyond herself in a re-evaluation of the Colby system. She is the one who makes it work.

Delta Delta Delta

To The Editor:

Last week's editorial "Rules and Morality," brought out many important points about the social regulations that direct the social activities of the women and to a lesser extent the social activities of the men. The policy of the college would, from observing these regulations, seem to proceed on the "assumption that social life equals sexual life." We would like to aug-

ment the arguments of the editorial with a few other examples of the error of proceeding on this assumption and some suggestions for greater social freedom for the women of Colby.

The lack of privacy which the editor stressed as a big problem on our restricted and relatively small campus, could be somewhat alleviated by more open-houses but what about the restrictions in the fraternity houses? Here there is no reason not to allow open-house on the second floors at least during big weekends. Why such inconsistency in allowing unchaperoned open houses every few weeks in the women's dorms and never allowing even chaperoned open house above the first floors of fraternity houses? Women are allowed to go to men's colleges where there are no restrictions at all in regards to hours, or to areas off limits in fraternity houses. If this freedom is given to us at other schools then shouldn't our individual morality codes be allowed to suffice in more cases than they are under our present social restrictions? At Colby?

Another point that we should like to second the editor on, is the first responsibility of the college. It is to the academic life of the student. But while the college is placing greater academic loads on the student, it is not providing equally expanding opportunities for the moral freedom of the student. When a college expects its students to be intellectually mature enough to spend one month in independent study, then it should give them the independence necessary to develop moral maturity. The question of remaining at the library after 10:30 is a grave failure in the policy that thus restricts the women on this campus. We share the identical academic loads of the men but are not allowed to use the study facilities to the extent that they are and in no manner are we allowed the moral freedom that they are given.

At this time the question of giving unlimited twelve o'clock permissions is before the Women's Student League. If passed, this policy would be a beginning to solving some of the problems that now confront us. There are other further renovations that should be made. As time goes on, we sincerely hope that the organizations of Colby will support and suggest new policies for developing the college's trust in the capable moral responsibility of its students.

Sigma Kappa

TO The Editor:

The time has come when a review of social rules regarding fraternity functions is entirely necessary. Further, because there are many instances of inadequacy regarding Colby women's social regulations, similar investigation should be undertaken in this area. Therefore, rather than discuss the

necessity of such a review (much of the material was covered in the May 5th editorial), I would suggest the establishment of a committee for the specific task of investigating the social regulations. Such a committee should represent each fraternity, sorority, and dormitory, should be allowed to make suggestions concerning possible changes in the social regulations to the Dean of Men and Dean of Women, should be presided over by the Social Chairman, and should remain liquid following its immediate review of the present situation.

Sincerely,  
David Hughes,  
A. T. O.

## Faculty May Add Representatives to Admissions Board

Student Government will consider next Monday a proposal made by the interim independent men's representative to expand the faculty representation on the admissions committee from three to five members. Since Student Gov't has no connection with the admissions board, which is the province of the faculty and the administration, the proposal, if passed, would merely be an expression of opinion by the student body, and would in no way alter the membership of the admissions committee.

The reasons behind the proposal would seem to be self-evident: the faculty would be in a better position to decide future admissions policies. Since the faculty rather than the administration, are concerned with the educational processes on a direct and personal basis, it is felt that they would be in a better position to judge what type of student would best benefit Colby.

Since this question will be voted on at the next Stu-G meeting, we hope that students will avail themselves of the opportunity between now and Monday to consider the proposal and give their opinions to one or more of their Stu-G representatives, or to the ECHO, which will forward written opinions to Stu-G at the Monday meeting. We hope the faculty will also wish to give opinions, and hope that students and faculty alike will show up for the meeting.

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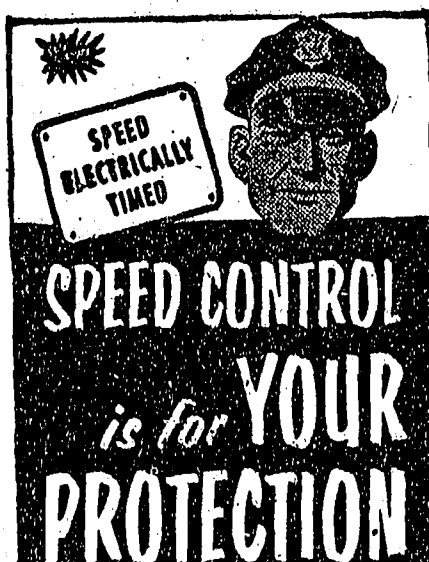
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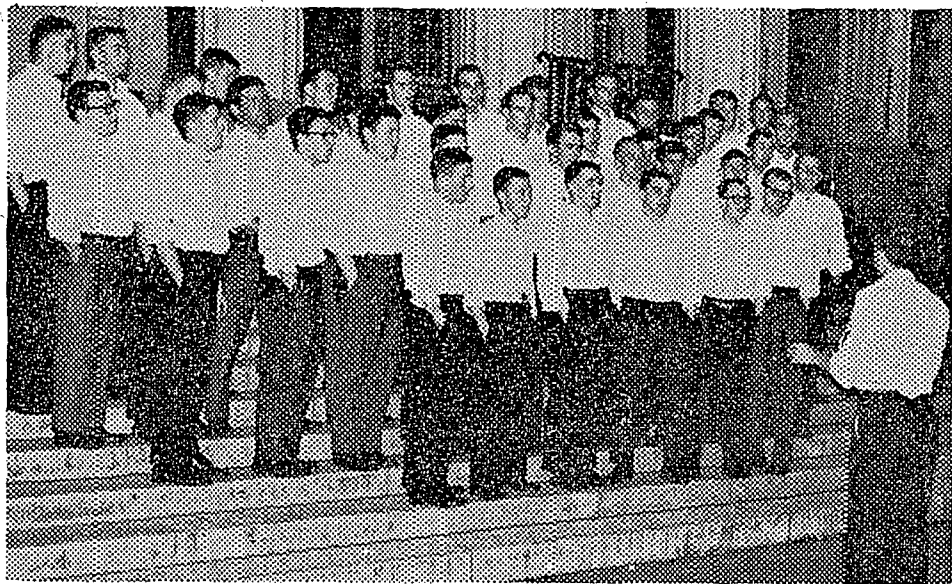
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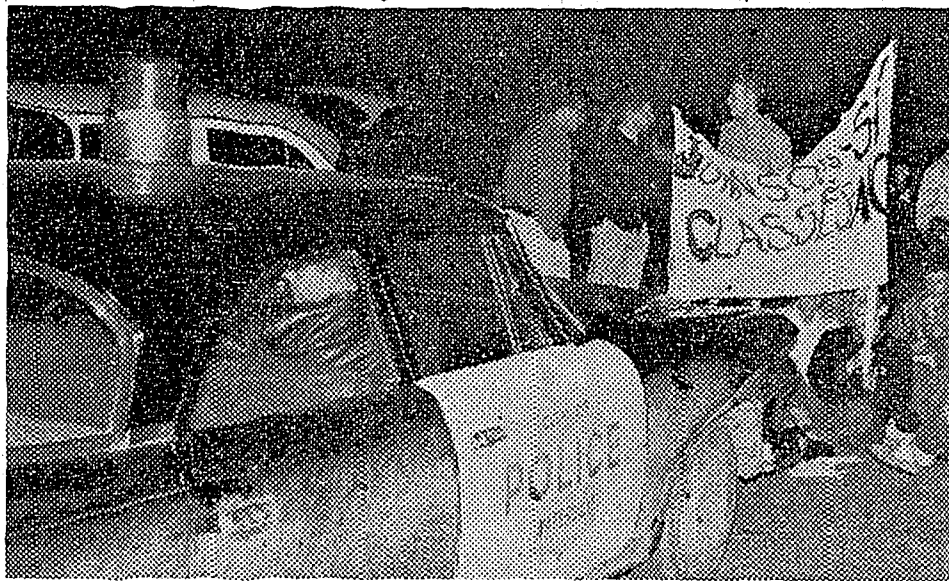
### I. F. C.

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total building expense which is repaid periodically. However, the houses are owned by the respective alumni associations of each house. This problem could perhaps be best alleviated by printing editorial comments immediately following similar letters, thus making any corrections necessary to restore the truth.

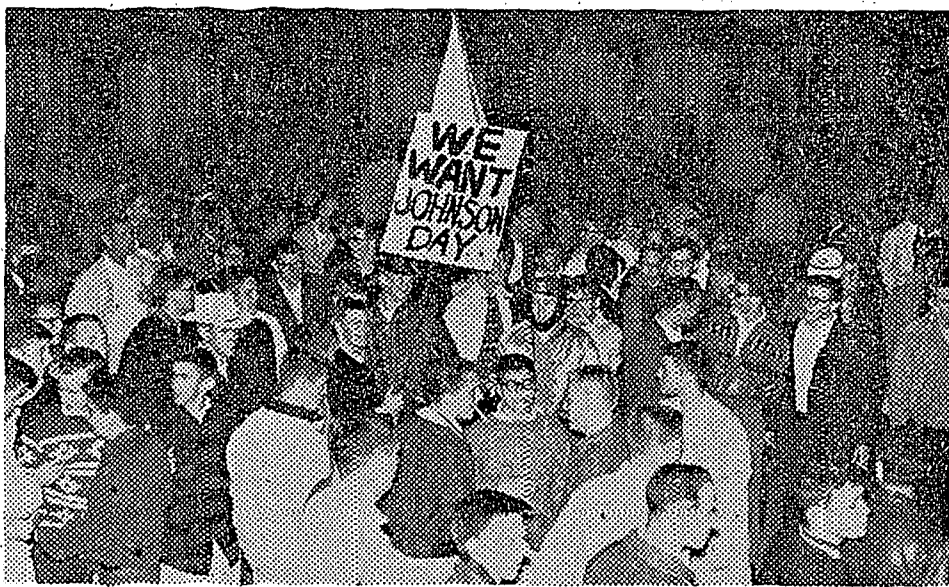
In conclusion, the fraternities of Colby realize that the system is far from perfect. We realize that certain corrections are pressing and necessary if the system is to survive. Above all, we welcome objective criticism of the faults to which we ourselves are perhaps blind. However, we realize too, the vast potential that fraternities offer in fulfilling the intellectual aims of the college, for which the system was founded. We realize the vital role fraternities play in the social set-up at Colby. Consequently, because we of the IFC stand behind the fraternity system, we must condemn the distorted picture which has been presented to the students of the college and the alumni and friends of Colby in examples like those cited above. We speak not only in defense of the fraternity system, but in defense of the integrity of an organ of communication which we feel has abused its power.

Sincerely,  
Bruce MacPherson,

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### STU G REPORTS

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path. Such a walk would facilitate more safe, easy and speedy travel from the dorms to Lovejoy, the science buildings, Bixler Center and the fraternity houses. It was urged that such a walk be equipped with

adequate lighting, snow clearance and drainage facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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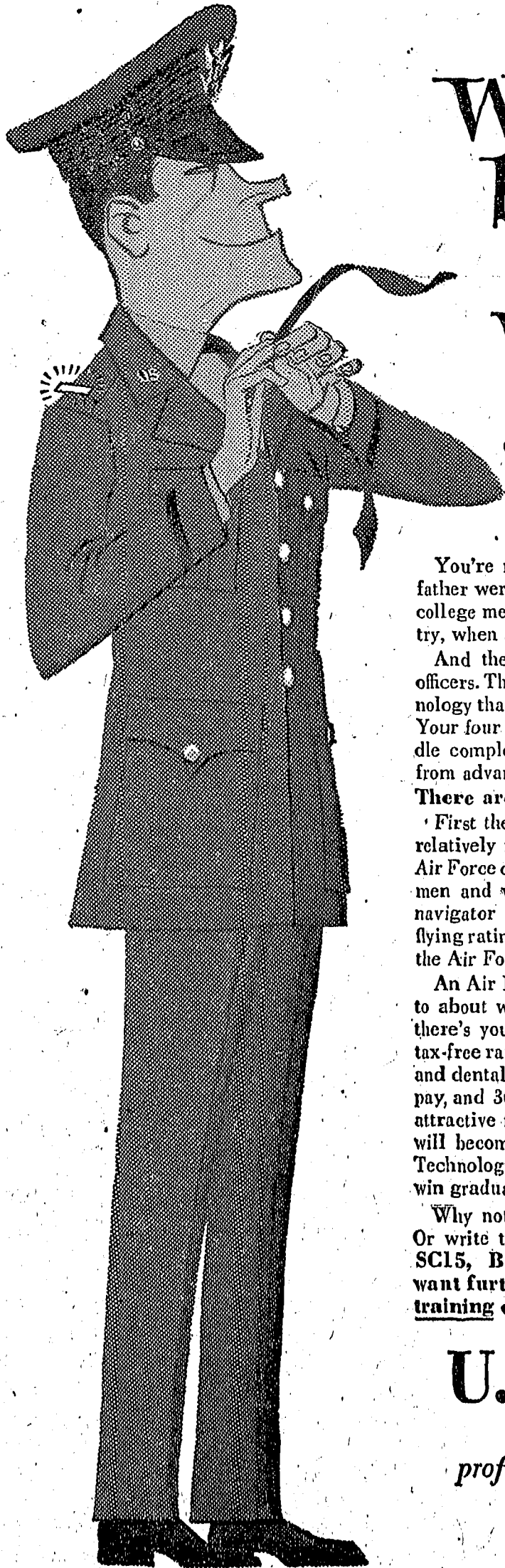
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## STUDENTS RIOT

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er view, which sees the Incident as a function of the present social situation, a more liberal policy of the Administration in recognizing the areas of responsibility in which undergraduates should be able to speak for themselves would result in less campus-wide frustration and consequently lessen the possibility for the fermentation of another such Incident.)

## III.

At this point I am in grave danger of being misunderstood. This article is the work of a Puritan — and it does not say what some will think it seems to say. Ordinarily, as I have said publicly many times before, social progress should be gradual and adjustive to the extant social situation. But there are certain situations where the nature of the status quo is so absurd as to call for immediate and drastic action. Stupid rules, by their very existence, demand being disregarded. So, too, the cancellation of Johnson Day demanded the undergraduate censure that it received. And thus, we have come to our final point, namely, that there is a circumstance — an extenuating circumstance — in which a certain amount of ethical vandalism is necessary for social progress. This vandalism if scrupulously administered will keep the Administration looking forward rather than at the immediate scenery. But this ethical vandalism must

be governed by many rules.

1: The purpose of ethical vandalism is to stimulate thought on the part of the Administration. Thought is best stimulated when there is something to think about.

2: The ethical vandal must not do anything that will cost the college money (much money). He must not destroy — merely dismantle or relocate.

3: This dismantling and relocating must relate to objects immediately concerned with some stupid rule, implicit or explicit.

4: The ethical vandal will never fear the Administration — because he is not being anything of which he is ashamed. If he is ashamed, then his vandalism is not ethical.

5: Since the ethical vandal is concerned immediately with stimulating thought via ethical trouble on the part of the Administration, he will avoid letting the Administration learn of his identity. For he would not want to trouble the Administration with the execution of the penalty for its stupid rule —

and he is too modest to demand credit for the stimulation of thought.

6: In consequence of this (5.) the ethical vandal will perform his activities in secret, or with a close friend.

7: Above all, the ethical vandal will avoid letting a member of Blue Key, the Senior Secret Spy Service, learn of his activity — for BK is the Administration's channel of communication with the undergraduates (a superstructure erected over the head of Student Government) and these channels are, by their very nature, dedicated to the maintenance of the status-quo.

## EDITOR'S REPLY

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The time the conflict was only between individuals in the houses. At the time of the conflict there was strong feeling expressed, feeling which led to action which was penalized by IFC. Although "hatred" may be a strong word, "excite-

ment" is certainly too tame a word. I doubt if IFC would penalize people for being excited.

Concerning the statement that fraternities are not motivated by Bixler Bowl points, and that the points are taken with a grain of salt, I agree. Nevertheless, when the function of Bixler Bowl is questioned, it is usually defended on the grounds that it motivates the fraternities and, that it is traditional. Certainly, there may be other justifications for Bixler Bowl, but it is a rare fraternity who seems to be aware of them.

With respect to the letters to the editor, I should like to point out what is probably obvious, that letters to the editor in no way reflect the editorial policy of the Echo. Furthermore, letters are excluded from the paper only if they are obscene, slanderous, or if there is no room for them, (in which case letters are given preference according to the order in which they are received).

## VARSITY NINE

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of shut-out ball for Golby giving up only three hits. He was in hot water in the first inning when the Terriers loaded the bases, but Bill Waldeyer's diving catch of a line drive bailed him out. Tony Ferruci pitched the last three innings for Colby and surrendered the lone BU run.

Bob Glennon, Dick Bonalewicz, Waldeyer, and Cy Theobald contributed two hits each to the ten hit Mule attack.

Colby's record is now 5-4 overall, and 2-1 in state series competition. Maine is presently on top in the series race with a 4-2 mark. The Mules were rained out in their crucial doubleheader against Bowdoin last Tuesday. On Thursday Colby was scheduled to meet Bates at Lewiston in a doubleheader, and tomorrow Coach Winkin's nine returns to Coombs field where Northeastern will provide the opposition.

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