



# Won't get fooled again

by Sally Chester and Si Nahra

[In the first three articles of this series we traced the events of the Colby Constitutional Convention. Now we feel we must depart from this historical objectivity, which is always limited, and state our views.]

The Colby Constitutional Convention succeeded in what it set out to do. It established new channels of communication among the college constituencies so that all could, as President Strider said, "share in the responsibility." The Enhanced Committee system gave everyone a voice if not a vote in college governance. Student participation in departmental planning has structured criticism and praise, and forced it to be heard. Though the Trustees rejected student and faculty vote on the full Board, added contact in its committees and in the meetings can only improve and expand communication and inter-constituency sensitivity.

Why then is Con-Con still considered a failure by so many students? The most obvious reason remains the question of the college power structure which really never changed after Con-Con. Certainly the communications needed remodeling and may still need reform, but this is only one element of the problem. If the students enter Con-Con II content with making minor adjustments in this glorified committee system, they will be wasting everyone's time and money.

Con-Con I failed because it divided influence, not power. Though this disappointed many campus leaders, they decided to work within the system sincerely, only to find that their good faith was not matched by the other constituencies involved. But the division of power at Colby makes an appeal to "good faith" illogical. If everyone acted reasonably and in good faith there would be no need for any division of power.

The instances of failure following Con-Con I are numerous, ranging from the conflict on credit hours to the Financial Priorities Committee. Another instance that would be interesting to look into is whether the Administration has any idea of how much harm Professor Mavrinac did, when Acting Dean of Students, in regards to the mutual trust and respect promised by Con-Con, but shattered by this man's legal abuse of the spirit of the convention. It came as a cruel blow to some when even the much publicized Ombudsman could only crease the red tape surrounding the Administration at this point.

In the same way the Conference and Review Board, in its mediating capacity, has found how little its influence carries. The "ROTC compromise" has been carefully filed under oblivion while the review of the Dean's office is still in the works. To have any effect the CRB is going to have to be more timely and also insist that its conclusions carry weight and then push that weight around.

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Administrative Vice-President Ronald Williams

# FPC Fooled

by Cathy Megerigle

The Financial Priorities Committee last year sought to implement some important proposals concerning college expenditures. It considered a motion regarding Colby's policy of paying tuition for children of faculty and staff members attending any accredited college. The proposal was submitted by the Environmental Council, and was initially considered from the viewpoint of population control; argument contended that this tuition-payment policy encourages large families. Faculty members don't disagree that it is convenient to have Colby pay the tuition for their children, but as Yeager Hudson, a member of the committee commented, "This is a very indirect way of dealing with this issue." The FPC considered, but did not vote on, many alternatives. For example, perhaps consideration should be given to needy families, much the same as scholarships are awarded to Colby students. At its final meeting last year the FPC tabled a proposal which stood as follows:

1. Only two children will receive tuition from the college for each family.
  2. Notwithstanding the above, no present faculty member is to have the tuition privilege withdrawn for children born before January 1, 1972.
- The proposal was to have been the first topic of consideration this year. The EPC has not had a meeting this year, and according to the chairman of the committee, Vice-President Williams, meetings are not scheduled until it is time to consider next year's budget. Meanwhile, without any further debate having occurred on the tuition payment proposal by the FPC, as was indicated in the committee minutes, the whole issue has been turned over to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Hudson stated that although considerable discussion took place on this issue, had the FPC decided to vote on it last year, neither side would have held a majority. "Such indecision would have been meaningless to the Board of Trustees. The administration seems to be more receptive to a change in this area this year, however." Williams also states, "This committee is not interested in population control. The tuition policy is one of the fringe benefits to faculty and non-academic staff. It is a benefit with considerable economic impact on the operations of a college." He went on to comment on a survey taken last year of other colleges similar to Colby, and their policies regarding tuition payment. "It's a very common policy of other independent private institutions- one that is growing in practice rather than diminishing. I would suspect, however, that with financial exigencies many colleges will take a new look at this, more from the viewpoint of economic burden that general concern about population control." Williams contends that

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any change in this "extremely sensitive area of benefits for faculty and staff will only come about after very careful study." Vice-President Williams made several other comments regarding this issue, but he wished to have them remain off the record. While these proposals are still in the consideration stages, he would prefer not to comment too extensively on them.

Professor Hudson commented on the equity of this college policy, noting that those with fewer children are in essence paying for those with more. He got the impression last year that the administration was reluctant to consider this matter from an equity point of view, but he seems to note a change in their attitude of late. Students and faculty, however, will not have any opportunity to engage in any future decision making on this issue.

"There are feelings that the FPC does nothing," stated V. P. Williams, but he went on to cite their decision to make payment of board charges compulsory in order to alleviate a deficit in the food service budget last year.

Another FPC proposal last year concerned a shift of priorities from the Physical Education Department budget to Academics. The motion was passed, as follows :

"That there be a shift of priorities from Physical Education to academics,

to be proportioned according to need as determined by the Dean of Faculty and the President. A reduction of 5-15% in Athletics (Department budget and salaries) is feasible. This shall take place over a period of three years.

According to Williams, the motion has been carried out. He notes that the Athletic Department budget was not increased this year. "In an inflationary period, in order to stand still, an increase is necessary. Thus, lack of an increase actually constitutes a decrease." Hudson is in agreement with the Vice-President's statement; he assumed that other departments receive budget increases, perhaps even in excess of 5%.

The FPC exists to submit to the President it's comments and recommendations concerning the adequacy of the college's programs and activities in relation to the college's resources, and to review the budget with the administration prior to it's presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Ward Briggs a student on FPC last year, presented another view on the actual functioning of FPC: "They pull the strings, give us the power they want to, make us believe we make the decisions, but its not true. Maybe its all just a big game or something."

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Besides being ineffective, the CRB's contribution works against itself. By having students and faculty mediate their problems, one implies that this is where all the issues arise. This may be quite true in educational policy, but many student issues center on administrative policy. In the CRB students and faculty have been pitted against each other. Only on limited occasions do they work together in reviewing the Administration, who review this review.--Someone did a terrific job of neutralizing both groups in this body.

Still, the faculty has some power and influence (or at least the students think they do), while the students' position had changed very little. Many of us do participate in a lot of the paper work of decision-making but feel only like mid-wives watching while the real action occurs elsewhere. In spite of some of the constructive changes that have occurred, such as dorm autonomy and progress toward co-ed living, one cannot really feel Con-Con was the difference. Some change was bound to come anyway, and always will. So much is *ex post facto* at Colby that one doubts if Con-Con is conducive to originality or just student dexterity at legal language, as was the excuse in dorm autonomy.

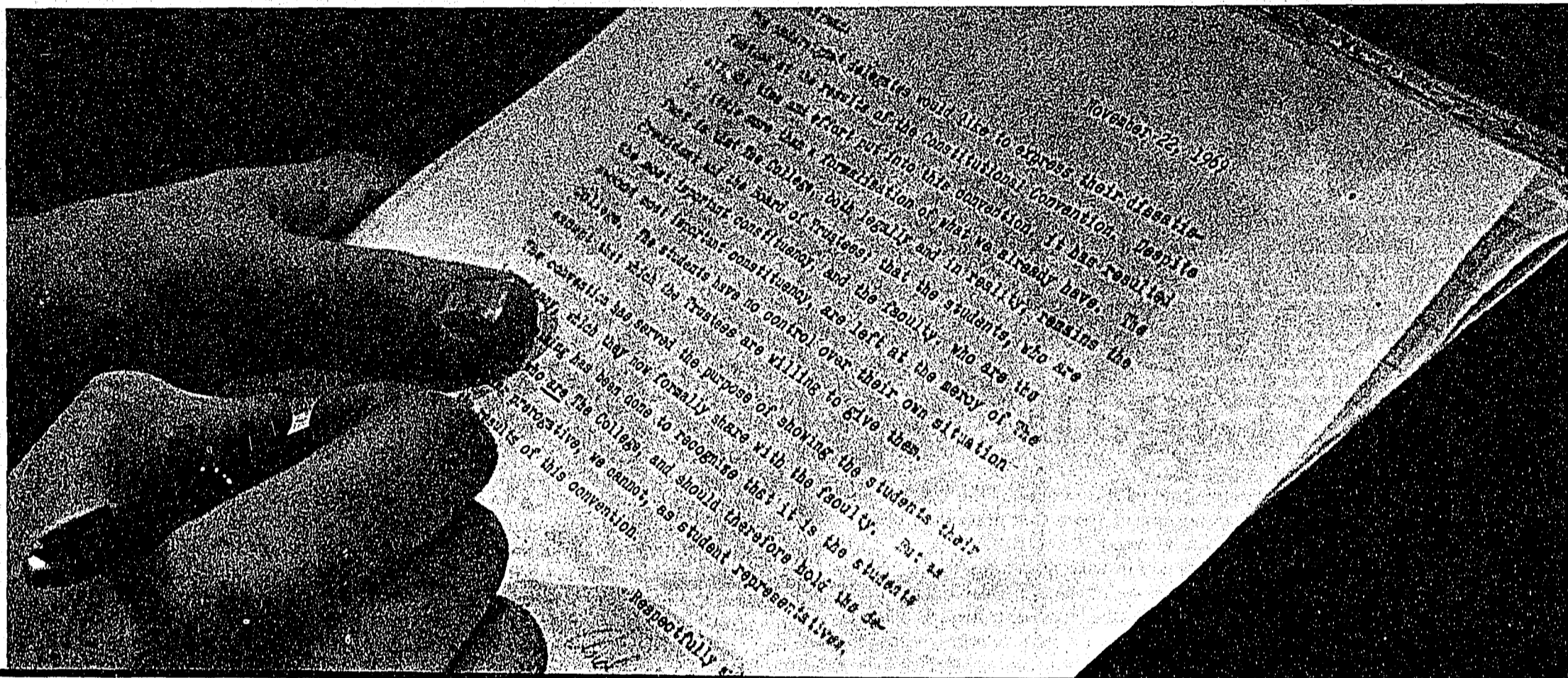
To list recommendations for the spring constitutional reform would be inane, because if the basic principle remains that the Board of Trustees has final authority on all campus decisions, then the present system needs only modest housecleaning. The most important addition would be to develop an amending process to keep the structure flexible and at least ostensibly open to change.

Hopefully, Con-Con II will not see us pay for another face-lift but instead the

Board of Trustees will accept a system that will resolve the basic power conflict. It will not be easy to develop a true joint governance system that will please each group, but to approach this goal at all, Colby students must actively seek a place in the college power structure. This involves writing proposals and choosing delegates carefully, not in our usual slip-shod elections. Make sure you know whom you are voting for and support them. This year let us not compromise our position before we begin.

Student power has always been in the street (or chapel) at Colby. No matter what system of influence or communication you have, student ability to force the college not just to hear, but to listen, and perhaps to act, will be spontaneous and uncontrolled until participation is real. Two buildings were occupied after Con-Con, as "influence" proved insufficient. The Administration still is not accountable to the students and until we dedicate ourselves to safeguarding our rights and taking the responsibility we require, we will still be legislated to autonomously and Colby may someday witness a frustrated campus dedicated not to solution but destruction (This is not a threat but a genuine fear that must be reckoned with).

In reviewing our three and one half years at Colby we cannot blame the students for the breakdown in college governance, but only for their lack of staying power in pursuit of the honest solution that cannot be indefinitely postponed. There can be no excuse for ignorance and ill-preparation in April. Let the students regain the integrity that they once demonstrated in March of 1969.



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by Frank Flore

The Maine Times, in its Dec. 3rd issue, reported that an American bald eagle, the third bald eagle known to be shot in Maine this year, was found wounded on Chegeaugo Island that week. The young bird was picked up by the Maine Audobon Society and taken to a veterinarian. It was feared that the wing would have to be amputated.

Shooting eagles is a federal offense punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or 6 months in prison or both. The bald eagle, symbol of American greatness, is in danger of extinction. It is estimated that there are less than 2000 pairs of bald eagles left on Earth. In Maine, a farmer may shoot an eagle caught in the act of stealing a chicken. Last spring sheep farmers in Minnesota hired helicopter gunmen to slaughter over 500 bald and gold eagles. Two other bald eagles have been found shot to death in Maine this year; one

in Hancock County and the other in Washington County. It all seems rather un-American, doesn't it? Maybe after the eagles are wiped out the new national symbol will be either the chicken or the sheep.

Robert B. Mouton, the coordinator for District E of the Department for Economic Development, now has an office in Eustis at the location of the former Financial Aid office on the 4th floor. Working with Mr. Mouton as his secretary is Alice Ryen, who graduated from Colby in 1970. The D. E. D. was having considerable difficulties in finding office space when President Strider came forth with his offer. The D. E. D. has worked closely with Colby in the past, notably last summer when Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Allan and three Colby students prepared a biological and geological site inventory for a D. E. D. -proposed industrial park for the purpose of keeping adverse environmental impact to a minimum.

The Atomic Energy Commission has authorized the continuation of the construction of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power plant at Wiscasset pending completion of the widened environmental impact review required under recently enacted A. E. C. regulations. If you are still somehow suspicious of the A. E. C. and would like to know more about the impending nuclear menace in America, try writing to:

The Energy Coalition  
Clear Creek  
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and/or  
Citizens for Safe Power  
P. O. Box 312  
Bath, Maine 04530  
Hdqtrs., Winter Street Church  
Phone 443-4693

Snowmobilers Beware

The National Safety Council believes that current snowmobile models have inherent safety problems. According to a recent report:- some motors are not enclosed; some models have strangled and mutilated riders. - some models have no neutral gear position; a child or careless adult can start an idling machine by accidentally jostling the throttle. - most models have inadequate seats and are ridden improperly; minor bumps in a snowmobile's path have been known to cause serious back injuries.

Snowmobiles cause noise pollution. Currently most models create 90-100 decibels at 50 feet. This is close to the human tolerance level. If you don't believe in noise pollution, try enjoying a walk in the woods when snowmobiles are blatting about. Believe us, noise pollution exists.



## JESUS!

by Matt Powell

In the past two or three years, a new movement has been developing among American college students. At first it was a quiet growth mainly centering on the West Coast. But the February 21st, 1971 issue of *Look* magazine gave it national fame and rapidly increased its growth. The movement has been popularly called "The Jesus Revolution" and its followers are referred to as "Jesus Freaks" or "Jesus People."

*Look* referred to this latest student movement as "old-time, Bible-toting, witness-giving revival". Perhaps *Look* spoke perjoratively, but the Jesus folk themselves agree that it is an apt characterization. It is, however, important to make a few distinctions about these people and their faith.

The real beginnings of the Back-to-Christ movement have been around for years, carried on by people like Billy Graham and Pat Boone, not to mention a multitude of minor charismatic, chiliastic individuals. The more recent revival has taken place among ex-drug

addicts, motorcycle gangs and hippies. These people can rightfully be referred to as "Jesus Freaks." They are much more Pentacostal, much more emotional and fundamentalist. It is now a common occurrence to be accosted by individuals on the streets of our major cities who say, "Hey, man, do you accept Jesus Christ?"

Even though the evangelism of these individuals may be a little hard to take, their faith is just as strong and serious as any more orthodox believer. The point here is to distinguish these "Jesus Freaks" from the more rational, less aggressive, yet still as fundamental and evangelistic "Jesus People." These names are somewhat arbitrary but they help to illustrate the distinctions. The members of the Colby Christian Fellowship call themselves Jesus People and the name fits. Their members are middle class, certainly not the same type of people as the Jesus Freaks. There are about 40 or 50 people now associated with the CCF and their numbers are growing.

The CCF was low on members last

year, Sue Alling, a sophomore, was the only official member. But gradually, as the "revolution" began to intensify, their numbers grew. They began to meet with members of the Waterville community, establishing the Calvary Temple on West St. They meet on campus every Sunday night at 6:30 in the chapel and are presently holding prayer meetings at 9:30 nightly in the chapel lounge.

The group, made up primarily of Colby freshmen and sophomores, is setting up a coffee house called the One Way House at a church on West St. in Waterville. They also plan to set up "book tables" at the dining halls and they may follow this up with discussion meetings in various dormitory lounges. Working with the community, they helped sponsor a "Jesus People Rally" held Dec. 4, at the Waterville Opera House and they are bringing Mike Johnson, a rock'n'roll musician and converted Christian, to the campus at the beginning of January.

Meeting with these people is quite an experience. Individually, they seem quiet and perhaps a little shy. Together, there is a sincere feeling of faith and spirituality. When talking about their beliefs, they are quite self-assured and untimidated. They sincerely believe that the faith they have to offer is the one and only salvation.

When asked about their fundamentalism, they seemed to want to avoid the word. Though they feel that it is essential to embrace the "basic fundamentals of the Christian Faith," they do not want to be branded as narrow and irrational, which is how fundamentalists are commonly viewed.

Each member has come to adhere to the teachings of Christ in a personal way. Martha Arey, one of the CCF, said, "Jesus Christ has become our personal saviour. He has changed all of our lives ... some of them dramatically." They are all willing and anxious to talk about their particular religious "awakening," but none of them feel they can really push themselves on the rest of the students and faculty.

The Jesus People feel that they are not regarded with real respect on this campus. But they feel that finally the "walls of indifference" are breaking down. To them the time seems right for the Jesus Revolution at Colby. As one member put it, "We've been

praying for this campus--people downtown have been praying for this campus for a long time."

While discussing the barriers to their faith on the campus, Professor Todorank's ever-popular Religion 121 course was mentioned. Sophomore Jane Sutherland said, "It's destructive in that it leads people away from Christ... away from the way God would lead them."

Another facet to the anti-Christian bias here is the "Good Life," the smoking, drinking and carousing that so many Colby students seem to enjoy. When asked about giving up these "luxuries," one student replied, "I didn't narrow myself. I felt a freedom that I didn't have to do them." The general feeling is that once one becomes a true Christian, these things are no longer desired. The only religious laws that the members of the Colby Christian Fellowship follow come directly from the Bible, unmediated by any contemporary religious leader.

Why has there been this revival of a fundamentalist belief in Christ and the Bible at Colby? The Jesus People would, no doubt, explain it as a part of God's plan and divine will. But there are social causes to be considered. The present is a time of crisis and confusion. Historically, religious revivals have often arisen during times of social stress. A religious awakening occurred after the American Revolution. Another arose in the South during the Civil War.

The need for an all-encompassing faith is becoming more prevalent among today's college students. Drugs have really solved no problems; they have only removed the individual from the immediate situation which caused him to confront his problem. Religion can also act as a buffer or barrier for reality. Some may be Jesus People for this reason.

Paul Tillich defines religion as an individual's ultimate concern. Today's college student is "ultimately concerned with ecological balance, peaceful existence, international brotherhood and personal fulfillment." The Jesus Revolution, according to its zealous followers, offers a means to achieve purity, peace, love and fulfillment. Perhaps these drives are the strongest forces involved in contemporary religious revivalism.



## YMCA

Part III

[In previous columns in this series, the *Echo* has featured The House of Help and Mandala Community Workshop as local organizations which devote themselves to the Community]

They serve an age range from 5 to 97. They do some drug counseling. They helped a new art center get organized. They have some classes that draw people from as far as Skowhegan. They plan to start a Counseling Service for North End youth. They are going to run a "conditioning program" for the Waterville Police Department. They have a Senior Citizens Club that meets every week and they have high school girls' clubs that have given almost \$1,000 plus hundreds of hours of service to worthwhile causes in the past two years. The YMCA in Waterville is an organization designed to reach out to people.

The YMCA also has other programs that do not fit the traditional mold of a YMCA. Although it is first and foremost a "youth-serving" organization, the "Y" constituency ranges from one end of the age spectrum to the other. It includes people from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, and from every area of the city. There are many disadvantaged people in Waterville, and the "Y" is trying to reach them. This mixture of constituencies is not easily achieved nor does it exist without problems. People in the North End of Waterville have been ignored for years. Now, the YMCA is trying to change that. The "Y" tries to be constantly aware of the need for balance and seeks to maintain a blend of successful traditional programming and innovative projects.

In the area of new programs, the "Y" has continually explored new ways for serving the community. Last year they renovated the Harris barn, located behind the "Y", to enable a group of artists to start the Mandala Community Workshop. Experiences in the creative arts were somewhat lacking in the community and the "Y" felt that by making the Harris barn available to a group of young artists that had designed an arts program for all ages, they would be providing a new service to the community. Mandala is in its second year of operation, and although they suffered the growing pains of any new venture, it appears that a quality arts program will be made available to all members of the community.

For the past year the "Y" has been exploring ways in which they could be more responsive to the youth from lower socio-economic backgrounds. After extensive research into the needs and expectations of these youth and with the full support of the guidance director, the youth services officer, the mayor and the Kennebec Valley Community Action Council, the "Y" submitted a proposal to the Department of Health and Welfare for a Youth Counseling Service. The Boards of Directors and Trustees voted unanimously to move in this direction. The Counseling Service will provide intensive individual work with youth that are having difficulty in school, with youth involved in court cases, and

youth having serious problems with their home situation. The projected starting date will be January 1.

A few of the traditional YMCA programs seem to be as effective today as they were in the past. No doubt the Tri-Hi-Y club concept is the best example of such a program. Each club is made up of girls from one of the area high schools. With the assistance of an adult advisor, these girls participate in a variety of social, educational and service programs. An outside observer would marvel at the degree of organization and responsibility that is demonstrated by the girls as they plan and execute their programs for the year. In the past twelve months, these clubs have been involved in numerous visitation programs at the area hospitals and nursing homes, they have participated in special anti-pollution projects, they've adopted two children overseas, they have made financial contributions to YMCA World Service program, they have aided in the TOSCA fair, they have sponsored parties for the underprivileged, and they have participated in the Cancer, Muscular Distrophy and March of Dimes campaigns. Each service project helps the girls understand what it means to give of themselves. Growth, sensitivity, and maturity are difficult, if not impossible qualities to put in a statistical report, however, they remain primary efforts of the YMCA Youth Program.

The "Y" also has a Retired Persons Club that attracts senior citizens from throughout the community. Each Wednesday they meet at the "Y" for a program that may include speakers, slide shows, films and musical presentations. Following the program the group has lunch and then plays cards or shuffleboard for most of the afternoon. The Retired Persons Club plays an important part in the lives of its members.

Thus, while it may be more difficult to serve a broad spectrum of the population, and while it is certainly true the "Y" cannot be all things to all people, an effort apparently is being made to remain flexible and be responsive to the needs of the community. This task takes tremendous amounts of volunteer help and in the final analysis, can only be accomplished when the community provides adequate support.



THE OLD EDITORS BID FAREWELL AND WISH THE BEST OF LUCK TO THE NEW EDITORS AND THE REST OF THE TEAM.

# editorials:

This semester has been relatively quiet and relations with Eustis have been quite cordial, even pleasant. However, the absence of inflammatory issues has allowed us to review the day-to-day workings of the college governance structure fairly calmly and objectively. One conclusion is obvious: Con-Con I hasn't worked. Organizationally, the committee structure is slow, redundant, and unwieldy. This semester, which should have been the time when the committees were to have finally gotten into high gear, has seen a virtual absence of productive activity.

Revision of Con-Con's structure is not our concern here, although it is certainly needed for purely administrative purposes. The entire power/authority structure is in need of very basic revision: power must be shared by all those residing in the college community. Under Con-Con, no college committee can operate with any kind of confidence that its recommendations will be accepted or even considered by the administration and board of trustees. The Financial Priorities Committee, supposedly one of the most influential college committees, has recently had a proposal removed from its jurisdiction due to its "sensitive" nature. Collective decision-making is apparently only possible when the outcome has received prior approval from the top.

Even within the administration itself, no administrator would think of offering a proposal to his superiors unless he knew or strongly suspected that it would be favorably received. This is inherent in any elitist authoritarian governing system in which decision-making is the privilege of a select few. This may not be an intentional characteristic of college administration, but it is nevertheless the existing situation.

We are not questioning the need for administrators, but we do question the present centralization of power. The real power, policy-making, is presently held exclusively by a quietly functioning team centered around the President and the board of trustees. If this group doesn't like a particular proposal, it won't be accepted, and probably won't even be presented to them.

Con-Con II is next semester, and students and faculty must come to the convention prepared with specific ideas and proposals. The present system of governance at Colby is antithetical to innovation, experimentation, and freedom, and allows repressive measures without recourse. If students and faculty expect to get anything accomplished when it needs doing, they will have to have a share in the actual, not the apparent, decision-making. Some kind of true joint governance structure, capable of wielding real power, is necessary before the present appalling situation can be rectified. Change is needed; the time for change is now.

## Letters:

To the Editor:

I do not know John Coopinger. From his letter in the last issue of the ECHO, I assume that he is a freshman or sophomore who was not at Colby three years ago when the validity of ROTC on campus was so pressing an issue. The ECHO editorial he refers to was, in my opinion, entirely correct in its characterization of the pro-ROTC Stu-G stand as an example of good old American liberalism, that political philosophy that is based upon idealism and cowardly rationalizations.


Mr. Coopinger is unable to view ROTC as an "alien institution" on a liberal arts campus. He does not address himself to the question of the "liberal Arts tradition." He does not discuss educational philosophy at all. His arguments, like those of our duly elected Student Governmental representatives, are pragmatic. "None of the services would be in the relatively moderate positions they are in today were it not for the influence of young officers who have been educated in liberal arts colleges." In the first place, damn few of the officers in this nation's armed forces above the rank of major are ROTC products, fewer than twenty per cent. Captains and lieutenants don't, and can't, do much to create that present "moderate" positions.

What is so "Moderate" about a sophisticated war-making force that receives half of the national budget; maintains close to two and a half million men ready to push buttons, drop bombs, and pull triggers; and is strategically placed all over the world wherever they are needed to make old-time McCarthyites feel secure against their paranoid imaginings of the Red Menace? The power wielded by the military in this country is awesome. To refer to its branches as "services" is laughable in references to powers such as actively helping to determine foreign policy, and the dependency of our economic system upon Pentagon contracts. Until this power is removed from the military, this country will continue on its misguided mission of protecting the world from socialist forms of government, despite what a foreign state may desire for itself. The military, like so many institutions in our country, has become a bureaucracy whose first concern is self-preservation.

When Mr. Coopinger says that Colby is not a part of the military-industrial complex because it does not receive money from the Air Force, he is oversimplifying. A quick glance at Colby's portfolio of investments will demonstrate that it is very much involved. As long as Colby allows a branch of the military to maintain office space and classroom space, and awards Air Force

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# Committees: Hurting Cowboys

by Rick Gawthrop

The fact that this column has been an infrequent feature of this semester's *Echo*, while in some respects a blessing, is otherwise unfortunate because it reflects a lack of productivity in the committee system. Despite the impressive number of committees and the great amount of time devoted to them by members of all constituencies of the college, on reviewing this semester's committee activity, one cannot help but be struck by the paucity of results and the ubiquity of confusion.

These observations are most pertinent to committees, like the Financial Priorities Committee, which have not met this semester; but they also apply to the busiest of committees. The Special Programs Committee, which should be renamed the Jan Plan Committee, has, according to the analysis in last week's *Echo*, been reviewing individual Jan Plans without first having formulated a consistent set of guidelines for doing so. Moreover, the mandate from the faculty giving them this review power is some-

what ambiguous. Not only does this confusion make it difficult to set up standards, but it also makes possible the continuing overlap in jurisdiction over the Jan Plan between the committee and department.

The Educational Policy Committee, another example of an active yet frustrated committee, has failed to break the long-standing stalemate over whether the Colby degree should consist of 105 or 120 credit hours, although it is likely that the committee will soon recommend to the faculty some scheme based on 120 hours and a significant pass-fail option. Yet while the adoption by the faculty of such a proposal would remove the present uncertainty, it is dubious procedure to make such a major change without comprehensively examining the present curriculum as well as the long-term educational goals of the college. Without such an examination, the EPC's concern in this whole controversy, aside from the relatively minor question of acceleration, can be interpreted as an obsessive desire to have Colby's required credit hours numerically conform to those of other insti-

tutions, even though a "credit hour" is hardly a qualitatively uniform indicator of educational value.

Similar problems are besetting other college committees. Despite the fact that the poor utilization of the space in Runnals Union has been pointed out repeatedly in the last few years, the Architectural Committee continues to do little more than talk about it. Rights and Rules is having trouble enforcing dorm autonomy as many fraternities have refused to submit their schedules of hours. The committee is even considering drawing up a social code to supplement the ineffectual dorm autonomy system. Perhaps the best meeting of the semester took place outside regular committee channels when Colby's black students and the department chairmen discussed ways to introduce courses emphasizing the black experience into the regular course offerings. Several constructive suggestions came out of this meeting, although how and whether these proposals are being followed up by the department committees is problematical.

Nor are the committees of the Board of Trustees doing much better than the college committees. The outstanding exception is the decisive action taken by the Student Affairs Committee in approving the principle of co-educational housing. On the other hand, the Board's EPC has yet to meet this fall, and the Planning Committee recently had its first meeting in a year-and-a-half. The meeting of the Planning Committee is interesting not only because the Committee recommended to the Board that the Spa-Bookstore-Post Office be put on a low-priority basis but because several committee members expressed dissatisfaction with the "old" techniques of planning. This criticism was applied not only to the Planning Committee but to the Board of Trustees itself. It was pointed out how difficult it is to oversee a college on the basis of meeting only sixteen hours a year. Therefore the committee also recommended to the Board that the structure, role, and function of the Board be re-examined. All these recommendations will be taken up by the Board in its January meeting.

Thus at all levels of the college's committee system there are serious problems. One difficulty is that due to a constitutional strait-jacket student representatives to committees are not generally chosen until the middle of October. This delay results in unproductive "lame-duck" committee meetings during the first half of the fall semester. Other aggravations lie in the sheer complexity of the system. Not only does the presence of so many deliberating bodies slow down the decision-making process, but it diffuses responsibility and thus results frequently in a lack of initiative taken by any one body. But whatever the causes, all is not well with the committee system, and delegates to Con Con II should keep the experience of this semester in mind as they debate changes in the institutions that have led to such disappointing results.

## THE LAST PERSONALITY COLUMN SHOT IN PERU, BY GNU, FOR YOU, HAIL COLBY HAIL. LAWLESS

part one; The Gnu Enlightenment

on Thursday, Dec. 32, there will be an introductory lecture on Transcontinental Misinterpretation as taught by Guru Sowhats Gnu. Transcontinental Misinterpretation is a system of bubbles, spheres, and deep dazes through which the follower is taught to clear his mind so that no new thought but that given by their guru will be allowed to enter his/her mind.

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Guru Gnu has an ashram in south central New Jersey and an a frame and condominiums at the foot of the Himalayas, from which he has just flown to the U. S. As his humble helicopter approaches the Waterville Airport bean sprouts and small plastic guru replicas with magnetic bottoms for car dashboards will be strewn on the waiting crowd of catatonics.

Just before attending a national conference on "subtle levels" the Master was a guest on national t.v., including What's My Line, All in the Family, and Howdy Doody reruns. The following week there was a dramatic increase in sales of the master's book *A Bubbling Metaphysical Opening of the Ultimate Cosmic Ego Lessness Void*, and good sales of his record *The Cosmic Giggle*. There was also a very emotion packed, powerful meeting between the Master and Baja Yogi Bear.

At Colby the Master will be giving introductory lessons and initiations. Prepare yourself for a strict veterinarianian diet and neck exercises, as followers are noted for excessive nodding of the head. Also bring a check from your mother to pay for your new spirituality and off you go to enlightenment

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part II Fall Colby Fail

Get off here-- don't blame me-- if you want to have some real fun join the crowd and go to a rock concert. and smoke drink talk, yell, just make a complete ass of yourself it's the counter culture you know Boogie and Buzz my hair's getting good in back

Every town must have a place where plastic hippies meet.

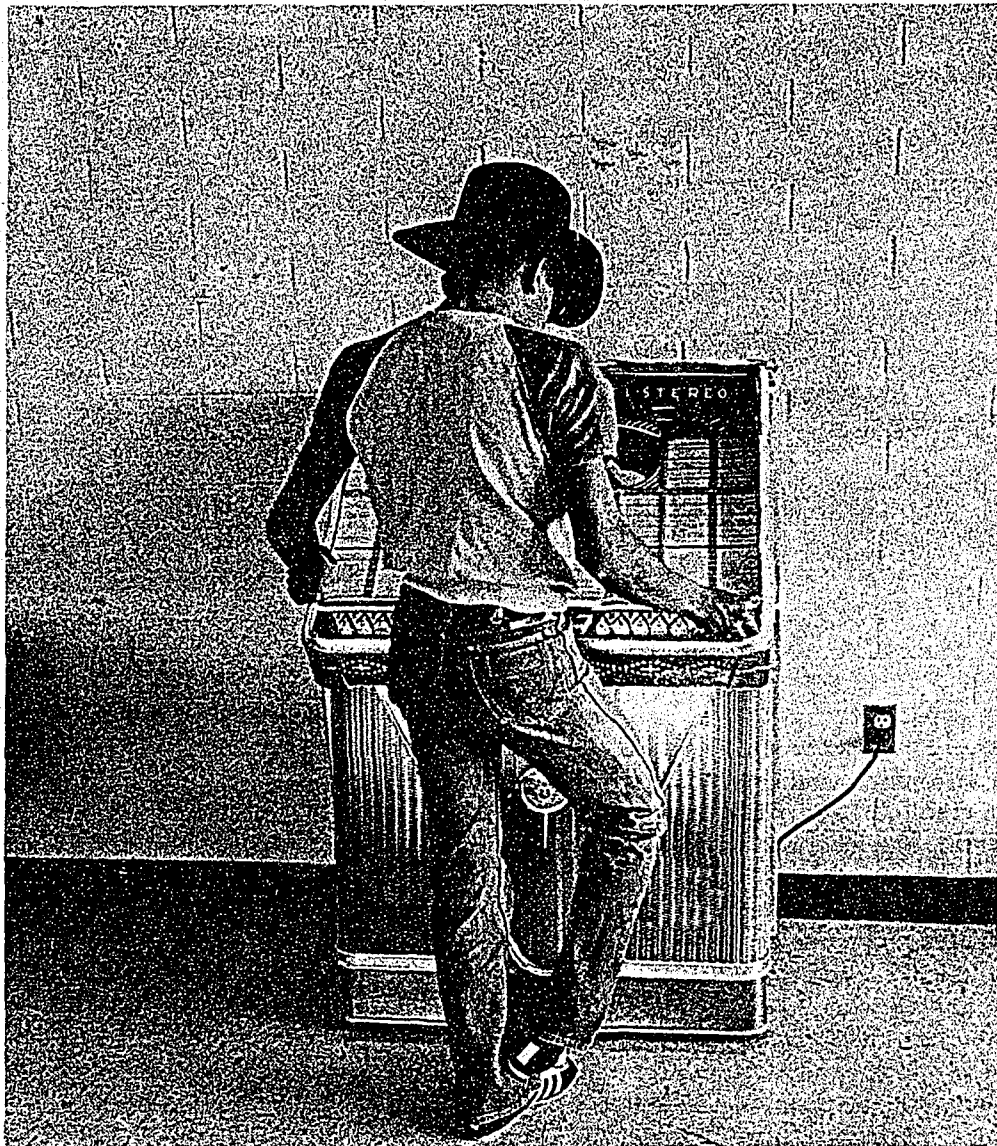
One thing to keep in Mind is the Feb. Arts Festival and Craft Fair, with its student Art Show (get it in early), the crafts Fair, Films, Dance, Music, workshops -- the Nearings, Stan Vanderbeek, the Grossingers, and one hell of a lot of Student work. Even Joseph Campbell for you mythology Freaks (A Gannett lecturer.)

Contraband, Maine's one functioning "little magazine" of literary arts is in the Bookstore, both the First and Second copies -- pick it up, its good and these guys need a break. (Colby people appearing in next couple issues)

Stayed tuned second semester for Bill Rouhanna and the Colby Law Review

Every college in Maine except Colby has sent groups to the Shaker Museum at Sabbathday Lake-- maybe it was Friday night and we were drunk or something.

It's getting cold + icy so watch your step? Who or what do you think will get no First?

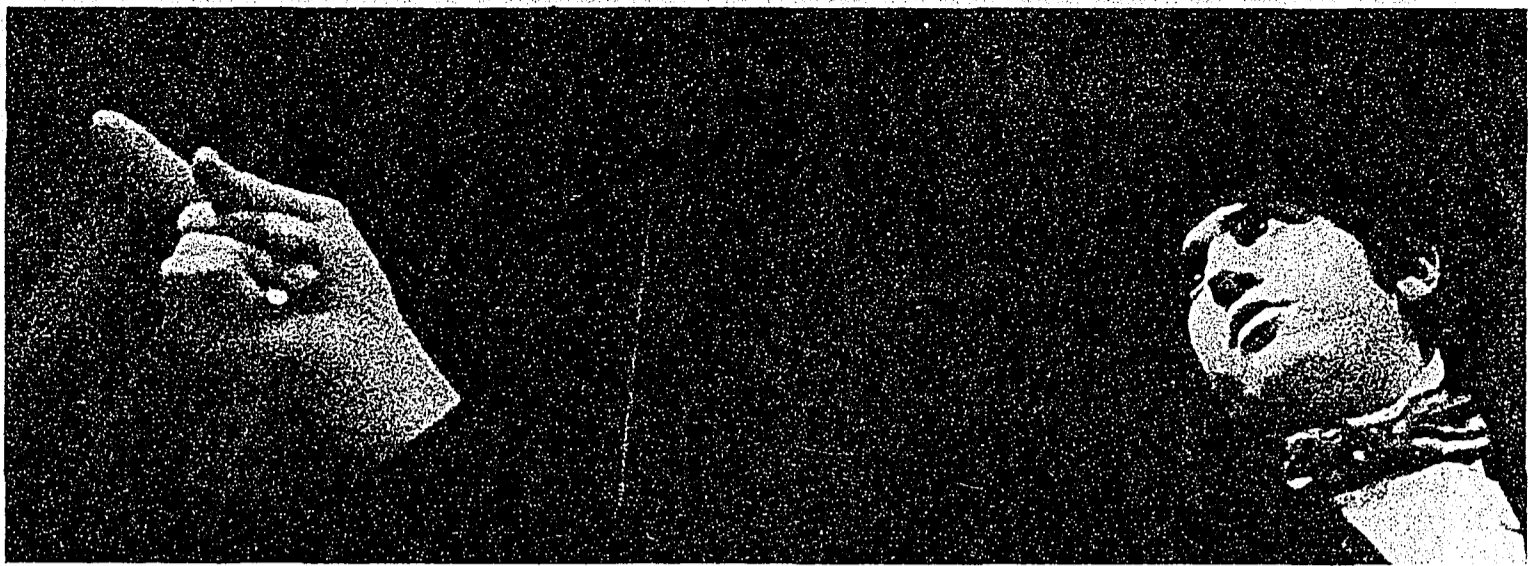


# DRAMA, more or less

by Ken Eisen

Three years ago, Colby's Little Theatre burned down. Its demise came, inopportune enough, at the very moment theatre at Colby began to hit an upswing, at least in terms of interest and involvement of students. And, while a theatre is perhaps the least important element in the theatre, the lack of one at Colby is indicative of many other and even more important handicaps that drama faces on campus. Drama is quite definitely branded as an extra-curricular activity. There are no courses offered in drama, save as literature; although the drama as art has analogous standing to such courses as dance, sculpture, painting and other arts which do receive academic credit. Yet interest in the theatre has been steadily rising over the past few years; student productions have been numerous, original and varied.

Powder and Wig is the official drama organization at Colby. Under the directorship of Irving Suss, Colby's only "drama teacher," P&W has put on 3-4 productions per year backed by financial resources unavailable to the more loosely structured student groups. P&W has attempted to be innovative and to incorporate many modern trends in theatre, as a glance at their schedule for this year shows. Following his production of Gertrude Stein's "In Circles," produced at the Opera House this Fall, Suss, according to *The Maine Times* (He refuses to talk to *The Echo* because of "inadequate coverage" of past Powder & Wig events), is planning on doing in January the seventeenth century "Revenger's Tragedy" "a la Grotowski" (a Polish director whose book, *Towards a Poor Theatre*, stress a bare form of drama concentrating on a highly developed acting company). They also plan to adapt Spencer's *The Fairy Queene* for production on the hockey rink in the Spring. Simi-



lar innovation in thought has marked past P&W productions, though some criticism has been leveled at the execution.

For students wishing to choose their own plays, write their own plays, direct their own plays, and produce their own plays, independent productions have proved more viable. Led by Chapel Drama (now Chutzpah Theatre), the independent theatre at Colby has been responsible for four to five productions a year over the past few years. These have ranged from productions straighter and more traditional than Powder & Wig's (the musicals "Stop the World! I Want to Get Off!", "The Fantasticks," and "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd,") to smaller productions which Powder & Wig cannot attempt because of their wish to involve as many people as possible (Pinter's "The Lover," Feiffer's "Little Murders," Beckett's "Endgame") to the more avant garde and experimental (Van Italie's "The Serpent," Melfi's "Stars and Stripes," Ionesco's "The Future's in Eggs," a sort of drama-dance written as it was being produced by Joel Simon, Juan de la Valle, and other members of the Chutzpah Company; and Meagan Terry's "Comings and Goings"). Most of these productions have been marked by a sense of growth and life, though uneven in final result. The important point is that a spirit conducive to such experimentation and life has existed at Colby, despite the lack of an academic basis, a theatre, money, and time.

A step towards overcoming all of these problems was taken last January with the formation of the Jan Plan in Theatre Workshop. Directed by Prof. Tony Hunt, the eight person group culminated a month of work with dramatic technique and acting with an open rehearsal entitled "I'm," a pastiche of exercises and sketches that had grown together during the month.

This semester has been a dull one for drama, however. The only production has been P&W's "In Circles." The morass seems to be coming to a close, however, as numerous Jan Plans revolve around production in addition to P&W's. Yeat's "The Only Jealousy of Emer," Stoppard's "The Real Inspector Hound," and a Benjamin Britten opera are student-directed Jan Plans. For second semester, Chutzpah tentatively plans Shakespeare's "As You Like It," one of Michael McClure's nude ghost tantra plays, and Whiting's "The Devils." Other independent productions may include Thomas' "Under Milkwood," Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," and a student-written play. How many of these productions actually come off will be interesting to note. Perhaps the major handicap of not having academic credit for play production is the lack of time caused by taking a full course load. In terms of facilities, a new theatre is scheduled for construction under the Plan for Colby. However, no money has yet been set aside towards this particular goal because three quarters of the 1.2 million dollars needed for the building must come from one private source. Edward Turner, vice-president for development, is "hopeful" of finding such a donor, but has yet to convince a private party to make the donation. In the meantime, stages are made where they can be found---at the Opera House, in Given, Lovejoy, the Paper Wall, Mary Low basement, and Runnals Union. Obviously, this calls for ingenuity, originality, and added work, qualities that have earmarked, yet in some ways limited, recent drama at Colby. This double-edged dichotomy is likely to apply to drama here as long as it is not recognized as a legitimate art with a strong base of student interest.

## LECTURE: SACK ON CALLEY

by Susan Staples

John Sack, a noted war correspondent and personal friend of First Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. lectured in Given on Dec. 2 on the subject, "Lt. Calley, An American Dilemma."

On Dec. 1, 1967, Calley's outfit, Charlie Co., was shipped to Viet Nam. Their mission was to find and destroy the Viet Cong, but the villagers didn't seem to know where the V. C. were. More than one U. S. company had found itself fired on from behind as it left a supposedly neutral village. Mylai Four like any other village, had underground tunnels and fake walls stored with weapons to use against the Americans. Calley and his men had three different enemies to face; the V. C., the villagers, the malaria and bubonic plague epidemics. Even babies and children had to be guarded against. They never knew when a two-year-old might have a grenade strapped to his back under a T-shirt, to be sacrificed along with a friendly G. I. Charlie Co. learned quickly the strategy of staying alive in Viet Nam; kill everyone and maybe you'll live. Just as bombers don't discriminate between soldier and civilian, neither does the American foot soldier. If he does, he won't survive.

Before Mylai Four, there was Pinkville. Pinkville had been a disastrous defeat for Charlie Co., for villagers had fired on the infantrymen from all sides. Calley's job was to capture Mylai Four and in the process leave no opportunity for Charlie Co. to be shot at from behind. At the briefing the night before, Captain Medina told his men to kill everyone in the village, and when questioned he said, "Yes, I mean everyone, women, children and old men." In the context, Captain Medina's orders were not illogical. Calley admitted that he would have given the same instructions. Those orders were considered necessary when the people one is fighting for find your presence in their country repugnant. According to Sack, Medina was acquitted because he had a good lawyer and a bad prosecutor.

The thrust of Sack's lecture concerned Calley, just another ordinary guy. He had an I. Q. of 111, had been a boy scout, attended one year of junior college, and then enlisted in the Army for the lack of anything better to do. Calley graduated from Officer Training Candidate School, where he learned to kill in sixteen months, and then was shipped to Viet Nam as a first lieutenant. The only difference between Calley and the other one-hundred-thousand plus G. I.'s who committed atrocities is that Calley was put on trial. Sack estimated that only approximately 20% of our troops did not rape women and children and kill civilians, including babies. The U.S. government put Calley in a position to murder civilians as an action of practical self-preservation. Sack admitted Calley was a premeditated murderer, but so were many others. If Calley is to blame, then so is Johnson as well as the President of McDonald Aviation.

When the report of Mylai Four was sent in, it was called a typical successful operation. General Westmoreland even sent a telegram of congratulations to Charlie Co., calling it an outstanding company. The *New York Times* carried the story and there was no reaction. Mylai Four was accepted like any other victory until *Life* magazine carried the pictures of the massacre a year later. Then the press and public started calling Calley a murderer, saying he violated the Geneva Conventions. Nixon, seeing the political value of the case, has decided to make the final decision himself. Sack believes Nixon's decision will come after the 1972 election unless he can win a large block of votes by deciding beforehand.

Sack claimed the only way to stop these atrocities in Viet Nam is to remove our troops, but until then the U. S. infantrymen still stationed in Viet Nam are wearing yellow patches on their helmets which say, "Remember Mylai." The message, get out of our way, is directed to the Vietnamese people. The talk among the G. I.'s is, "Calley dies for our sins, Calley Christ." William Calley does not want to be Christ. He is not proud of what he did. He told Sack, "I say, if there's guilt, was must suffer it. And learn. And change. And go on."

John Sack studied at Harvard and Columbia, and is presently a contributing editor of *Esquire* magazine. Mr. Sack has written a book about Calley entitled *Lieutenant Calley*. His journalistic talents have taken him to over sixty countries.

The December faculty meeting was marked by the diversity of issues brought forth, many of them marked by lengthy, and, to some, petty debate. The meeting opened, however, with two announcements. After thirty five years with the college, Treasurer Arthur Seepe is retiring. Mr. Seepe was presented with a clock by Vice President Williams, and received a standing ovation from the faculty. Also, Vice President Williams announced that Colby is initiating retroactive pay increases (formerly prohibited by the wage-price freeze) to the faculty, starting in December. Colby is probably the first college in the country to take this step.

Dean Jenson then presented a motion from the EPC recommending the establishing of an interdepartmental major in Ancient and Medieval studies. Mr. Rockstien and other East Asian Studies professors objected that the title implied that the major covered both Eastern and Western studies, which it did not. After some debate, a motion was made and passed to change the name of the major to Ancient and Medieval Western Studies. Dean Jenson put before the faculty the long-awaited recommendation from the EPC on graduation requirements. The plan calls for a return to 120 credit hours with 105 credit hours graded. The remaining 15 hours may be taken as regular courses, pass-fail courses, or experiential intern-courses per semester, departments are encouraged to increase their courses from three to four credit hours, or a student may, with the instructors permission, individually take on an extra credit hour's worth of work. The proposal was tabled as policy until the February meeting. Open hearings will be held in the interim.

Professor Suss reported from the Architectural Committee on their suggestion for moving the bookstore from its present location to the pit in the library. A survey will be conducted in the next week to determine student use of the pit. Low student use would bolster the committee's suggestion.

The final business of the evening was the passage by the faculty of an AAUP sponsored proposal calling for the establishment of a faculty appeals committee to hear cases in which a fired faculty or administration member wishes to protest his firing. Since the proposal involves amendment of the by-laws of the college, it was forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

# I Feel Like I've Been Here Before

by Jeff Paul

It was a strange situation indeed. A hockey game down the road apiece, people going upstairs in Runnals to study, a ninety minute sound check, not to mention the many things that can go wrong in preparing for a rock concert.

The Runnals gym was the scene of the continuing story of Colby's attempt to stage concerts. There were a few daring moves made in the planning of this concert---only a week's advance publicity, conflicting events on campus, & the added pressure of preventing a repeat of actions by the crowd at previous concerts. But let's go behind the scenes for a moment.

A lot goes into getting one of these affairs together. Sometimes corners get cut and you take the chances that go with them. There are many decisions made by a handful of people that decide the fate of such events. To second guess these decisions after the concert would be all to easy, but I think we should come to terms with a few things here. The current belief is that it is better to stage more concerts with not too well known or "name" performers at a lower cost, rather than go after top acts for one or two concerts. Perhaps this is the best solution, but after last Saturday night, you'll never convince me of that. I'm not criticizing the individual talents of the artists who have performed at Colby in the recent past, but what is in question is a much larger problem. If we get into musical likes or dislikes we'll get nowhere.

Perhaps it is too late to look at the problem we have helped perpetuate. Certain performers or groups were not born superstars asking \$20,000 for a concert or netting a million dollars from a tour. We have put these human beings on those pedestals and as long as we continue to do so, we must be willing to shell \$7.50 for a ticket to see our favorites. And yet there are many who have solved the problem by deluding themselves that listening to a live album is as good or even better than hassling the live show in person.

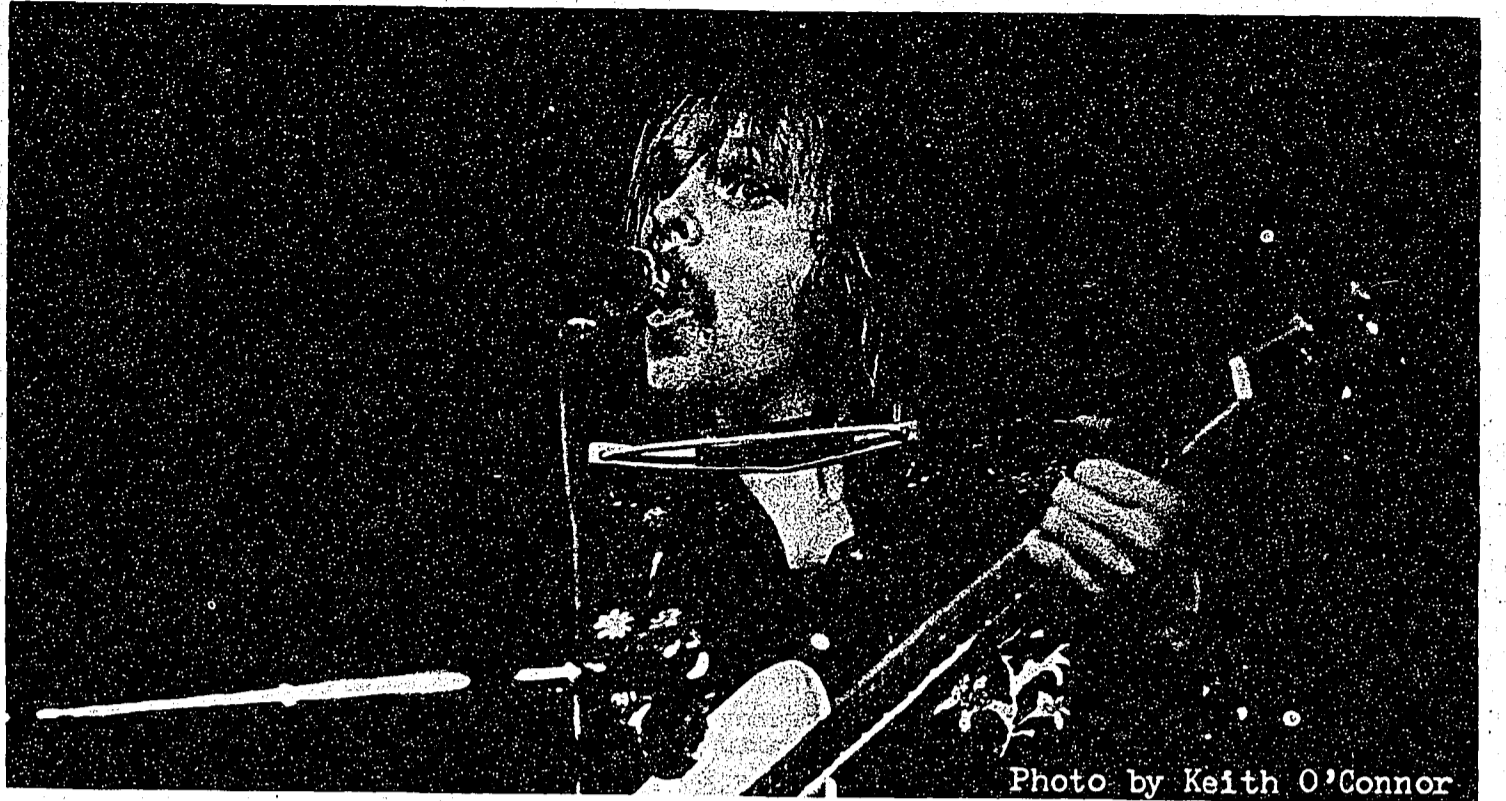


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Naturally you don't have to push or be shoved around or be subject to crowd controls or listen to a poor sound system or put up with pesty fire marshals or... This attitude is a growing one and is quite indicative of the tendencies in our society to simulate everything and have it all at our disposal, whether it be watching the birth of an infant or going to the moon via television or being surrounded and inundated by quadrosonic sound in our living rooms. Despite all this, the sensory experience of being at a rock concert has yet to be fully packaged for household consumption.

Success is a curious thing. Last January an unknown folksinger came to Colby for two nights of singing and good times. Last Saturday night Jonathan Edwards returned to Waterville, with a more polished act, a lot more popularity, and an audience that had paid to hear him. Accompanied by violin, piano, and bass virtuoso Stu Shulman, Jonathan played many of the songs from his current album on Capricorn Records. Perhaps his bouncy rendition of the traditional 'shit-kicker,' "Sugar Babe," best characterized his set. A graduate from a Boston band, Sugar Creek, he still strums simple rhythms, these days on a \$800 Martin guitar, blows a lot of harp and sings in a most pleasant way. He ended it all with his current single "Sunshine" and left with the appreciation of the hundreds in attendance.

#### INTERMISSION

Albert King, one of the best authorities on Blues Power, propounds the belief that "Everybody understands the blues." I really feel strange in challenging him on his own ground, but after the response to Mother Earth at Colby, I have my doubts. Lead vocalist Tracy Nelson boasts one of the finest voices in "pop" music today. But perhaps that was the problem, for this group played a lot of blues and blues is hardly pop. From the first note of "Satisfied" to a dynamite

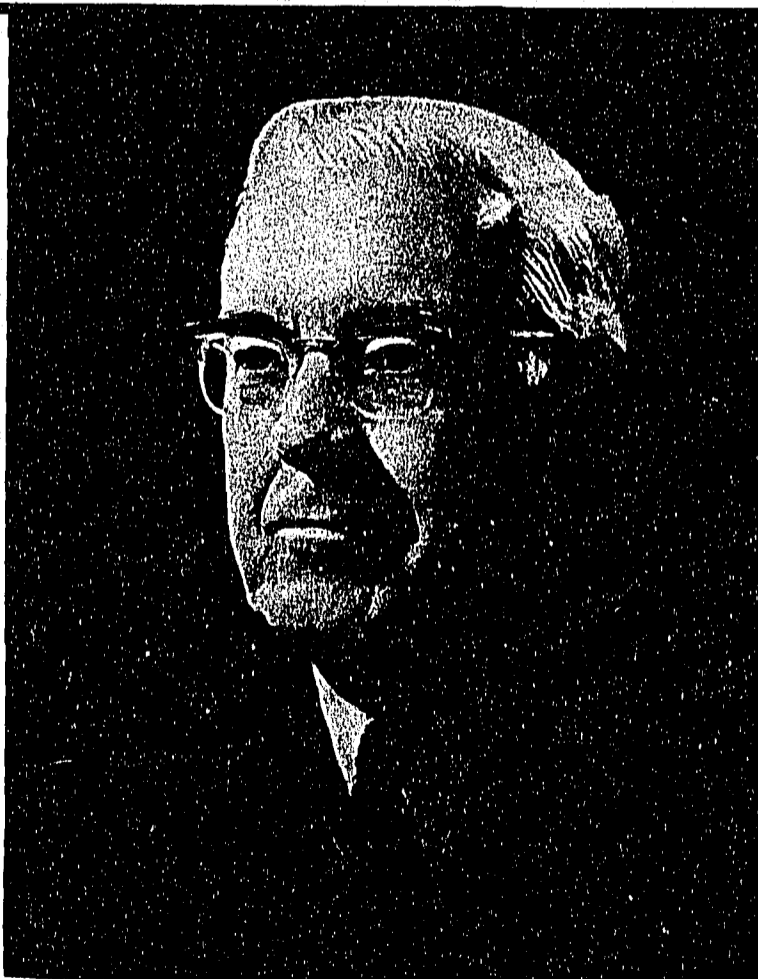
encore in jam fashion, people were streaming for the exits. It seemed unbelievable to some present that anyone could walk out on such a fine lady of song, but now it is pretty clear that this crowd came to hear Jonathan Edwards.

Mother Earth offers a fine blend of country-rock, blues, and various ballads which serve to showcase the talents of Tracy Nelson. The band cooked from the very beginning as they went through an extended version of "Temptation." I almost made the same mistake as at previous concerts of not understanding why the crowd just sat still while the band, led by guitarist Jack Lee, provided a ten minute boogie-like backdrop to-stomp to. But to each his own and those present chose to sit this one out. A tune written by Boz Scaggs and a lot of material from their new Mercury lp followed, featuring extended work by both guitarists which proved that there was more than a great voice in Mother Earth. Guitarist Sam Andrews, formerly of Big Brother and the Holding Company, displayed his oral ability on the guitar as he ate his way through a solo---shades of Jimi Hendrix? HARDLY!!!

As people began to leave, a hundred or so loyalties rushed the stage and demanded more. They were treated to an explosive blues encore, which featured solos by each member of the band except a tired or lethargic drummer, and even Jonathan Edwards got a chance to blow his sweet harp with the big boys. The remnants of the crowd left satisfied at about 12:30 am, shuffling out of Runnals Union.

It was a pretty considerate audience who were weary of the one, two, or in some cases, three hour wait and for that reason alone it is not surprising that many left early.

There will most likely be no more concerts here until second semester. The campus has a while to ponder what it wants for entertainment and must make its desires, if any, known to those in charge.



## Lovejoy Fellow

by Peter Voso

"As long as I am an American citizen and as long as American blood runs in these veins, I shall hold myself at liberty to speak, to write, and to publish whatever I please."

The author of this quote, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, was born in Albion, Maine in 1826. In 1833 he was ordained a Presbyterian minister and began an anti-slavery campaign in St. Louis through his religious newspaper The Observer. Lovejoy was soon forced to leave St. Louis for Alton, Illinois where he published the Alton Observer. Lovejoy earned hostility from pro-slavery groups in Alton by writing increasingly outspoken anti-slavery editorials. Lovejoy was killed on November 7, 1837 while defending his printing press from an angry mob.

The Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award, established in 1952, is given annually to a newspaper editor, reporter, or publisher. The purpose of the award is not only to honor Elijah Parish Lovejoy, but also to stimulate and honor those who continue to edit and report in the Lovejoy heritage of bravery and editorial idealism, and to increase the sense of mutual responsibility and cooperation between the newspaper world and the liberal arts college--both dedicated to freedom. Recipients are chosen with regard to three main criteria; integrity, craftsmanship, and character; in addition the selection committee specifies that the award be given to a "bona fide newsman, regardless of title, who, in the opinion of the judges has contributed to the country's journalistic achievement." Past recipients include newspaper editors and publishers from all areas of the country. However, of the nineteen recipients only one is a reporter, Clark Mollenhoff who received the award in 1959. Recent recipients include Carl T. Rowan, (1968) a nationally syndicated columnist, and John S. Knight (1969) the editorial chairman for Knight Newspapers. There

was no recipient of the award last year, ostensibly because the selection committee was too busy to meet. The controversy concerning "taste and tone" in last year's Echo has also been suggested as a reason for the committee's failure to give an award last year. Irving Faunce, a news assistant for the college, denied the validity of this statement.

The 1971 recipient of the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award is Erwin D. Canham, Editor in Chief of The Christian Science Monitor. Mr. Canham was born in Auburn, Maine and has received degrees from Bates College and Oxford University. During this time he began working for the Christian Science Monitor as an assistant correspondent covering the League of Nations at Geneva. From 1937 to 1939 he was chief of the Monitor's Washington Bureau. He was then transferred to Boston where he held a variety of editorial jobs for the Monitor, until he became its Editor in Chief in 1964. During his career, Mr. Canham served as vice chairman to the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference on Freedom of Information. He also served as a member of the President's committee on Campus Unrest in 1970. He is a member and past president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Mr. Canham holds honorary degrees from many colleges and universities including an honorary Doctor of Laws from Colby College, in 1959. In conferring this degree President Bixler said; "You have shown how Christian sensitiveness can interpret and relieve the lurid sensationalism of the cruder side of daily life and how an intelligent inner monitor can sift not only true opinion from false but the truly newsworthy from the base and unworthy."



# NEWS BRIEFS

Registration for second semester will be held in the Field House on Monday, February 7th. All students who plan to enroll second semester must on this day confirm elections made in September and/or make such changes as are necessary or desired for second semester.

The Schedule for Registration is as follows:

Seniors	8:30 a.m.
Juniors	9:15 a.m.
Sophomores, M-Z	10:15 a.m.
Sophomores, A-L	11:15 a.m.
Freshmen, A-K	1:30 p.m.
Freshmen, L-Z	2:15 p.m.
Special Students	3:00 p.m.

No changes in courses will be processed before Registration Day.

All students must secure from the Treasurer a "Permission to Register" card before seeking admission to the registration area. As in September, these will be available at the Treasurer's table at the Field House.

**IMPORTANT: YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT I.D. CARD WITH YOU IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO REGISTER.** Equipment will be there to replace lost I.D. cards.

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University announces a new graduate program in Public Policy. Ph.D., Master's or joint Master's-professional school degrees offered. Applicants should be interested in policy analysis and be at ease in both the world of words and the world of numbers. Write Dean Harry Weiner, Littauer Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, for catalogue and information.

By unanimous vote of the editorial board, next semester's ECHO editors will be Sue Francis and Bill Rouhana, with Si Nahra as managing editor. Anyone wishing to work on the ECHO next semester should contact Bill, Sue, or Si.

Meeting Monday, 6:30 P.M. at Mandala for all participants in (or interested persons) for the photography Jan Plan.

Do you remember the Black Student for Unity occupation of the Chapel? Do you remember the institution of the Open Door Fund? One is reluctant to ask how many Colby students are really aware of the existence of the Open Door Fund.

The Blacks' occupation of the Chapel in the Spring of 1970 caused increased awareness of the problem of achieving a more socially integrated community. One of the issues raised was that more qualified minority group members, regardless of their financial position, deserve the opportunity to undertake a college education. The college funds for scholarships are limited. By requesting an increase in minority group students one places an increased financial burden in terms of scholarships on the college.

The intent of the Open Door Fund was expressed in a Student Government letter to Colby parents during spring, 1970.

The Student Government has decided that the college administration should not have to bear the entire responsibility for goals which the whole community desires. To help realize these goals, Student Government has instituted a campaign to raise scholarship money for members of disadvantaged minority groups who want to come to Colby, but could otherwise not attend.

The initial campaign by the students to raise money proved quite successful. A sum of over nine thousand dollars was raised to be used for minority group students for Colby scholarships.

Dash Criger, Vice-President of Student Government, is in charge of raising funds. An auction of used times was held before Thanksgiving vacation in the Spa. Those that attended had a good time. Gary Newton as auctioneer was at his best and fifty-four dollars was raised. A raffle of a Peter Webber Gift Certificate, donated by the store was held on Dec. 9. An alumni drive to raise money is planned by Dash for second semester. Student Government hopes that the student body will take an active interest in the efforts made to continue this source of financial aid for minority group students.

## INFORMATION ON NEW COURSES

For some time now, the Colby freshman has bemoaned the fact that he has very little course choice in his second semester. He is usually locked into required or continuing courses, or he discovers that the course he would like to take has prerequisites he cannot meet.

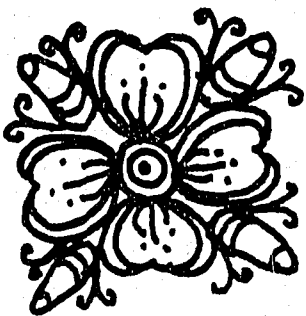
In an effort to permit as much freedom as possible within the framework of a college-required course, the English Department is attempting, for next semester, to give each freshman his preference of a section of English 152 - as numbers permit.

The plan has been borrowed from the freshman-sophomore Jan-Plan scheme. Each English 152 section has been described as fully as its instructor thinks necessary, and each freshman has been asked to turn in a sheet listing up to five sections, in descending order of preference. These preferences will be honored strictly on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upperclassmen must realize that English 152, as a college-required 100 level course, is first and foremost a course for freshmen. However, the English Department is reserving a very limited number of places for upperclassmen in each section. NOTE: no upperclassman should assume he is already registered in any section of English 152 without first seeing Prof. MacKay. (He will be available in his office in the English Department Monday, Dec. 13, all day - and Tuesday, Dec. 14, for most of the afternoon.)

Some course descriptions can be found on the English Department bulletin board, and on Prof. MacKay's office door.

The Topic for the Government 416 Seminar, which will meet next semester on Thursday: 3-5:00 p.m., will be "REVOLUTION IN EAST ASIA". This discussion class will explore the Meiji restoration in Japan, the Chinese revolution of 1911, and the Chinese Communist Movement in an effort to gain some insight into the causes, dynamics, and objectives of revolution in societies with a highly developed culture, and an under developed technology. See Professor Rosen in the Government Department for details.



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Through a fortuitous loophole in the Selective Service directives, students now possessing 1-S, 2-A, 2-C, 2-S, or 3-A deferments with lottery numbers over 125 may be able to remove themselves from the primary pool of eligibility with virtually no risk of every being drafted. Curtis Tarr, Director of the Selective Service, stated in an Oct. 1 letter to the local boards that this year's lottery number limit is 125.

In order to take full advantage of the loophole, the interested students should write his draft board requesting that he be classified 1-A as late as possible in December. As long as the letter is postmarked 1971, the student will be put in the 1971 primary pool. Since his number will be above the maximum number of 125, he can't be drafted. In addition, by the time the draft board receives his letter, it will be 1972 and he will immediately have to be placed in the secondary pool, thus making his chances of every being drafted rather remote. In order to be on the safe side, the student should send the letter through certified mail, thus giving him legal proof of his time of mailing.

The request for withdrawal of deferment should be written in conditional language, to guard against the risk of mistakes in checking lottery numbers or determining priority groups. For example: "I understand that my lottery number will not be reached this year and that ending this year without a deferment will enable me to move to the Second Priority Selection Group. If this is true, I request that my deferment be ended effective in 1971." Before writing to his board, however, one should check with the college draft counselor, Gary Vencell, the head resident in Foss hall.

According to Gary, the present situation in implementation of the new draft law is quite confused. Directives are still being issued by the Selective Service, and they sometimes contradict each other. Indications have been made, however, that no students will be drafted out of school in this academic year. Anyone who has not yet sent in notification of his student status to his draft board from the registrar's office should do so immediately. Further action would depend on the student's individual case and he should consult Gary Vencell before he takes any action.



The Mandala Community, Workshop is having a Christmas Craft Fair to be held Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12. Craftsmen have been invited from Waterville, Oakland, Clinton Norridgewock, Augusta, Mount Vernon, Stonington, Belfast, Tenants Harbor, Wiscasset, Limington, Plymouth, and Portland. A wide variety of crafts will be exhibited: pottery, weaving, wood, metal, batik, tie-dye, silkscreen, photography, dolls and toys, candles, and leather.

During the two-day fair there will be demonstrations in the silkscreen process and throwing on the potters' wheel. This should be an exciting occasion to see a variety of crafts exhibited as well as to finish your Christmas shopping. The Mandala Workshop is located at 4 North Street, behind the YMCA. The hours of the fair are: Saturday, Dec. 11 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. — Sunday, Dec. 12 - noon - 6 p.m.

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The ski team, headed by Pete Crosby, captain, goes into training Dec. 21st. This first training program will culminate in a giant slalom and downhill race at Sugarloaf. Then, on the 28th of December, back at Colby's newly expanded ski slope, jumping, and cross country training will begin. The team is most optimistic for this year's showing against such competition as Bowdoin, Bates, MIT, and Yale.

!SKI!

## hum you mules!

by Bruce Haas

Colby's icemen rounded out their pre-season activities Saturday night with an exhibition game against the Carling Black Labels. Although they started slowly and at times looked ragged, the Mules managed a 5-3 win over a team made up primarily of former collegians.

The Black Labels struck first with Colby alumnus Bob Waldinger scoring unassisted from a scramble in front of the net. Colby got on the board on a good passing combination from Bill Callahan and Mike Lemoyne, with Lemoyne finding Steve Self breaking through the Carling defense. Self faked the goalie, and put the puck in the right hand side of the net. The same line connected for the second Colby score. Self hit on a backhand shot after Lemoyne dug the puck out of the corner.

In a second period which found both teams having opportunities Colby upped the score late in the period on a goal by freshman Dan Heaney. Heaney found the rebound of a Louis Perron shot, and put it up over the fallen Carling goalie.

The teams alternately traded goals in the third period, Carling getting the first one on a solo effort by Morse, who, while his team was a man short, stole the puck and broke in alone on Scott Ryerse and beat

Scott on the left side. Lemoyne then netted one from Self and Mcmillan but Carling's Steve Owen brought his team back to within one goal when he slapped a low, hard shot past Ryerse. Colby ended the scoring with an open net goal with 1:04 left in the game.

The regular season started Monday night for Coach Richie Green's as they travelled to Boston State. Colby does not play again until the Williams Invitational Tournament on Dec. 28th when they face U-Mass, Oswego, and Williams. There have been a couple of schedule changes made this year. Colby has dropped its UNH game and picked up Lowell Tech and Holy Cross, both Division II schools. Coach Green feels that Colby now has a more "realistic" schedule as compared to previous years when Colby had one of the toughest schedules of any Division II school.

According to Coach Green the competition in the division will be good this year, with UMass, U Vermont, and Bowdoin expected to be the top teams. After those teams there are a number of teams who could fill out the positions in this year's new 8 team playoff. With experience, healthy personnel, and the new schedule the Mules should be in the running for a playoff spot.

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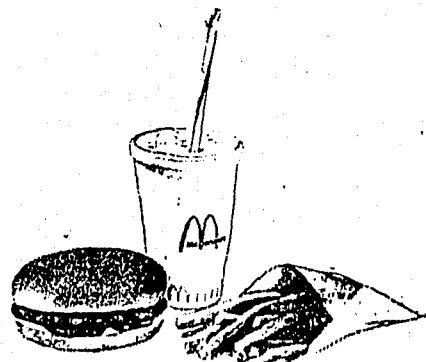
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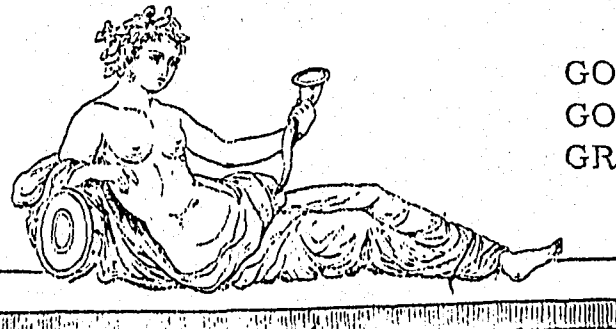
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 officers faculty privileges, Colby is supporting the military. This is a political act. Most college presidents would insist that a college is "a forum for the exchange of ideas that must refrain from taking sides in political questions in order to remain as a meaningful forum." By maintaining ROTC and therefore supporting the military, Colby and many other institutions are falling short of their professed ideals.

Soldiers, despite rhetoric about "making the world safe for democracy," are trained killers, Nothing more, nothing less. I feel that liberal arts institutions should have nothing to do with soldiers. I am sorry that Stu-G and Mr. Coopinger do not share my feelings.

Sincerely,  
 Bill Madden

December 5th

To the Editors:

For some unknown reason (Colby inspired apathy?) I have not written any letters to the Editors all year even though there have been many things that I have wanted to say. Therefore this letter is a compilation of all those unborn letters.

To start on a happy note, I want to say congratulations and thanks to all those people who have worked so hard to establish coed living here at Colby. I feel that it is a progressive step and one that will benefit the great majority of the people who will be involved in it. I believe condition F of the proposal to the Board of Trustees, "that faculty members be encouraged to become associated with coeducational living units and to teach house-initiated courses whenever possible", is a needed step forward because at the present time there is too little informal intellectual interaction between faculty and students. I do hope that the Board will be satisfied by the compromise of coed living by corridors and that they will proceed to approve the proposal for next year.

Congratulations definitely are not due for Sut-G after their very poor decision to reverse last year's stand on ROTC. I agree with Mr. Coopinger's recent letter on the need for ROTC due to the possible evils of a professional army. One only needs to consider the great number of newly developing countries in Asia, Africa, and South America which have encountered serious problems with their professional armed forces. But I definitely feel that teaching how to kill people is not suited to a college campus. A possible solution might be the removal of ROTC to an off-campus location where they could continue their present program. I realize how two-faced I am being but I do see the need for liberally educated people in the military.

Next I wish to question the present arrangement for obtaining permission to do an independent Jan Plan. I believe that the newly created Eustis office for reviewing independent Jan Plans is a good idea because it should give each student a fair review of his proposal. I do feel though that the present requirement in many departments for an official approval by the department head for an independent Jan Plan is unfair and also the frequent requirement for Juniors to do a Jan Plan in their major is wrong. Some department heads seem to feel a Junior must do a Jan Plan in his major. Why should this be? As I recall, a student must complete one Jan Plan in his major and I can find no conclusive reason for it to be required of a student in his junior year. Also what is the purpose of going through the Eustis Jan Plan office and after approval there to a department head? Does it not make more sense to only have to have a Jan Plan approved once and not by a possibly biased department head?

In conclusion I would like to throw my support behind Charlie Hogan and his proposal for a redefinition of Colby's educational philosophy. Colby has the resources: a good faculty, a good student body, and good physical facilities, but unfortunately the school seems to be rather stagnant and lifeless. Possibly not lifeless because it is possible to perceive a very slight, but almost constant regression to a very strict liberal arts education (120 credit hours and no pass-fail). Infrequently, three times in the past ten years, this regression has been interrupted by a progressive step (Jan Plans, CCS, and Coed living units). I think this is a good time for Colby, (students, faculty, administrators, and Trustees) to halt this regression and start off in a new direction. Colby definitely needs new direction and that means a new philosophy and someone to effectuate that new philosophy.

To end on a good note, I wish to thank the Editors and Staff of THE ECHO for their hard work and resultant high quality, well-balanced newspaper.  
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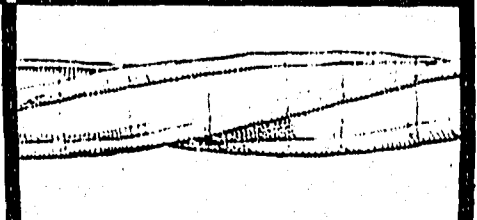
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