

Williams responds to the air War

by Paul Owens

"May I ask a general question? Why doesn't anybody care?" The group of 125 students, faculty and trustees that gathered at the Mission Park kitchen last night to discuss reactions to the escalation of the war in Southeast Asia hastened to reply that they did care. They were undecided about how to show it.

By a vote of 52 to 45, with ten abstentions, the group passed the resolution calling for a strike or moratorium on classes for today. No definite plans, though, were made at the time for actions to be taken during this brief period.

Many of those present felt that some expression of "anger and rage" had to be made immediately against the American bombing policies in Southeast Asia. Several other colleges, such as Skidmore and the schools in the Five College areas voted earlier in the week to observe the nationwide strike held yesterday and today (Mt. Holyoke, by a vote of 900 to 600 decided to go on strike for this weekend, Fathers' Weekend). Last night North Adams State College voted to strike indefinitely. Those in favor of the strike here hope to demonstrate their solidarity with the national effort and add the name and numbers of Williams College to the list of those already on strike against the war.

A considerable number of those present last night, however, were against a strike, which they felt had no purpose or goal and consequently would accomplish nothing. By reacting to the situation "in a crisis manner", they said, the students would be revealing their ignorance of policies that have, in essence, been in effect in Southeast Asia for a long time already. To react now with "moral outrage" would be hypocritical. If a person was really interested in ending the war, they maintained, he would have taken action in a rational manner long ago rather than wait until now to make a useless, emotional outburst by demonstrating and striking. Many objections centered around the argument that there were more constructive ways to affect American policy in Southeast Asia.

The most obvious course would be to campaign in the presidential primary coming up this Tuesday for some anti-war candidate. A McGovern worker announced that they would be canvassing at the Sprague Electric Plant today and Monday, and in Pittsfield and North Adams this weekend. John Noonan, a Berkshire Community College student spoke on behalf of a plan BCC adopted to have their moratorium on classes this Tuesday and during that time have eight people with anti-war signs outside the polling places in Pittsfield.

The group that met last night also adopted a resolution to be sent to the trustees of the College asking them to follow the example of Yale in handling the College's portfolio holdings. In the past Williams has largely ignored the stockholders' meetings of the companies they held stock in. This resolution is proposing that they take action to regulate company activities and policies and that they prevent companies from taking on contracts for the production of war goods. The resolution also proposed that Williams try to persuade the other colleges on the Twelve-College Exchange Program to adopt the Yale plan.

Another program that has been initiated is the Quang Ny hospital fund. The hospital, located in South Vietnam fits Vietnamese children that have been maimed with artificial limbs. The drive, set up on campus by Ira Mickenberg, has collected \$1600 to date, and they hope by canvassing each house on campus, and also the Williamstown merchants, to collect \$10 from each student and \$20 from each faculty and administration member. Organizers of the drive hope to force people to

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photo by Dick Langlois

Allard Lowenstein making a decisive point in Jesup Hall last Tuesday evening.

Lowenstein: making a difference

by Matt Fishbein

Originally scheduled as Allard Lowenstein's triumphant return to Williams, Tuesday night's meeting in Jesup, resulted in the commencement of student activities to protest the resumed bombing of North Vietnam.

Because Lowenstein arrived late, the meeting began with the announcement that President Sawyer, the deans and the College Council had endorsed a fund raising drive for Quang Ngai Hospital in Vietnam to aid victims of the war.

In an emotional speech, Security Police-man Bill Busl told of the limbless victims of the war and appealed to Williams students to "put your money where your mouth is." He explained that Quang Ngai Hospital is run by the American Friends Service and benefits both the North and South Vietnamese.

Busl was followed by Ira Mickenberg, one of the sponsors of the fund drive, whose subsequent remarks sent much of the audience into a rage. Mickenberg admitted that one purpose of the fund drive was "to preempt a strike." He suggested that "a strike wouldn't work. It would just create a one hour wait on the first tee of the golf course."

Spokesman from the audience objected that the fund drive was an inadequate response to protest the war. Although no one suggested a prolonged strike, many people felt that "the fund drive preempted any political action."

As one freshman said, "We came here under the impression that we would have an open discussion and now this fund drive is presented not as a proposal, but as an already decided upon action to which the College Council has given \$1,000."

One student described the fund drive as the Williams way out; "give some money to satisfy the conscience." Another spokesman cited the lack of definite political action as "the Williams tradition - sit back and wait and see what the other colleges do first."

After the meeting, Mickenberg explained that he had been misinterpreted. "I am not against a strike or any political action if it accomplishes something." He repeated that he personally didn't think a strike would accomplish anything, but he described working for peace candidates as an example of something constructive. "I think that contributing to the drive for Quang

Ngai is the very minimum everyone should be expected to do."

After the discussion on the hospital drive, ADA chairman Lowenstein offered his familiar alternative to a strike or a fund drive - dump Nixon.

Prefacing his remarks, Lowenstein noted that "blowing up a toilet or giving money to a hospital will not end the war. More limbs are being blown off than we can purchase. He suggested that defeating Nixon would be the most direct method to ending the war and solving the nation's other problems.

"Nixon inherited a mess and made it worse," Lowenstein claimed. "He's rolled up a deficit that would make FDR roll over in his grave in jealousy. On the war issue he's actually made Johnson seem retroactively credible."

He further scored the Nixon administration commenting, "Nixon wants to put Ellsberg in prison and Mitchell in the cabinet. The same John Mitchell who inspired a boom in the shredding industry"

In answer to critics who claimed that dumping Nixon wouldn't make a difference because "they're all alike," Lowenstein became outraged. "McGovern, Chisholm, and even Muskie are not like Nixon. Humphrey is a different story, but if he gets the nomination it will be because concerned people sat it out." He added, "Let's get out of the luxury of saying 'nothing can be done' and leaving it at that."

Lowenstein emphasized that the man who is President "makes a hell of a difference." He concluded, "Don't blame the nation's problems on the system as a whole and resign yourselves to apathy."

The meeting ended without a decision to a definite course of action. With promises of another meeting the next day, the students filed out of Jesup perhaps wondering if they shouldn't wait to see what North Adams State would do.

C. C. on a see-saw

by Tully Moss

Narrowly reaching the necessary two-thirds majority vote, the College Council chose Tuesday night, 12-5, to retain the old Freshman inclusion procedure. The Council also voted, unanimously, to donate \$1000 to the Quang Ny Hospital Fund. The first vote means that the decision last week to re-run inclusion in order to

maximize first choices has been nullified. All housing notices originally received in Freshman mail boxes are once again valid.

(Results from the C.C. elections appear in the box at the bottom of this page.)

Before they voted on nullification, the Council accepted the new inclusion procedures drawn up by Dean Frost and approved by the housing committee - which they accepted. The Council members, however, had repeatedly questioned the necessity of a new inclusion while Frost's plan was under consideration. After its approval of Frost's plan, the Council reconsidered complaints previously voiced that re-inclusion was not necessary. Prominent arguments for nullification reflected what Frost had said earlier in the week, that "...it was a bad decision, basically what will happen is that 86 people will now have to change their house affiliations. And some houses have already given their inclusion parties."

Specific arguments of Council members claimed that the original system was equitable, that the resulting disruption was not sufficient reason to accommodate roughly 10 per cent of the Freshman student body, and that Freshmen had been informed before the original inclusion just how it was going to be run. It was further noted that the Council needn't feel guilty about reversing a previous decision if that decision was a wrong one, and that since no Freshman had been given new housing assignments, there were no Council promises being broken in that respect. Also, Mr. Lawrence Wright and Mrs. Clark, the two people responsible for the computer programming of the original housing inclusion, testified to the randomness of the original inclusion.

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Election returns

The results of Tuesday's elections and referendum follow: Vice president, Gene Berg; CEP: Bill Mahony Div. I, Jim Chapman Div. II, and Al Palevsky Div. III; CUL, class of '73 Barbara Blundell; Discipline, class of '73 Dick Lamert and Susan McFarlen. The class of '74 elections for the two committees will take place next week, due to one applicant having been misplaced and typing errors on the ballot.

The referendum to amend the constitution to allow six at-large delegates to the College Council failed by 11 votes to get the required two-thirds majority.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Blasts "warped 'quest for peace'"

To the editor:

At Tuesday night's meeting in Jesup, Ira Mickenberg and a handful of students decided that, to prevent a strike, they will sponsor a fund for Quang Ny Hospital as a protest against Nixon's resumption of the bombings.

Without arguing the merits of Quang Ny Hospital, it seems that any fund drive is an inadequate response to the President's escalation of the war. No matter how much money we give to Quang Ny, the continuation of the war will only result in creating more invalids.

Instead of dodging the issue, we must demonstrate to Nixon that we will not tolerate his warped "quest for peace." Whether this can best be expressed by a strike is debatable, but it is ridiculous not to take any political action just to avoid a strike.

Matt Fishbein '75

Futility

Dear ReAd editors:

Because of the physical length of my Mississippi journal, the April 18 ReAd article was only a series of short excerpts; I feel this format has caused the misinterpretation of several points.

First of all, in referring to a friend of mine, Carolyn, a white student at Delta State College, there was a lot of descrip-

tion about the development and nature of the relationship which was left out. What I felt at the time was not that there was any agreement between Carolyn and me about our world view, but that despite the great gulf, we were - are friends. This situation of becoming friends with someone whose views are as ideologically different was unique for me. This uniqueness is what the passage was attempting to take into account.

Secondly, some people's reaction to the article has been that it is a statement of hope. Kathy and I feel that if this is the feeling engendered, then it is inaccurate. The thing that struck both of us about our stay was the futility of the situation.

And thirdly, my journal read that it had "become increasingly subjective," not objective as the ReAd stated.

Thank you, though, for publishing the journal. I doubt that reading it has changed anyone's conceptions about the area, but the Mississippi stay has to be the most important experience of my life.

Carol Sisco '74

Announces candidacy

Editor, Williams Record,

I am a serious candidate for President of the USA. Please give your readers a chance to write me.

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News Briefs

A look at the patriotic class: '76

Williams has accepted 226 women, about 21 per cent of the 1,086 who applied, and 608 men, 26 per cent of the 2,231 who applied for the Class of 1976.

Sixty-eight of the women and 103 men were accepted in December under the Early Decision Plan. Letters of acceptance were mailed to the others over the weekend.

The projected actual size of the entering class is about 145 women and 330 men. The College always accepts more applicants than the number that ultimately will be enrolled, since some of those accepted choose other institutions. The successful candidates have until May 1 to decide.

Applications to Williams were slightly higher overall this year compared to last, largely because of a 22 per cent increase in applications from women—882 to 1,086. Applications from men decreased slightly, from 2,442 last year to 2,321 this year.

Sixty-four per cent of the men and 61 per cent of the women accepted are public high school students, the remainder being divided between private day and boarding schools. Scholarship aid averaging \$2,700 each was awarded to 216 of the accepted candidates, or about 26 per cent.

Another 30 students will be accepted as transfers from other institutions, probably with women in the majority. Letters to successful transfer candidates will be mailed by the Williams admissions office at the end of May.

Automation marches on into the Snack Bar

On Wednesday morning the college food service started using a numbered ticket system to regulate service in the Snack Bar.

The system requires the customer to take a numbered ticket from a dispenser. When that number is called, his order is taken. The customer may ascertain his place in the sequence by looking at the number register, a white box on the menu board with numbers showing through a window in the face.

The system is being instituted in hopes that it will allow people to be waited on in an orderly and impartial manner. Tried experimentally during the weekend, the "Takeachek" machine was summarily ripped-off from the Snack Bar condiment table; it was rumored to have later turned up on President Sawyer's lawn. The apparatus will be bolted down when the system goes into effect.

"Jovial, witty, lofty and tragic:" Griffin Concert

The final pair of Griffin Hall Concerts at Williams for the current season will be recitals by Victor Hill, harpsichordist. The concerts will be given on Saturday and Sunday, April 22, 23 at 8:30 p.m.

The featured works on the program are six preludes and fugues by J. S. Bach. They represent the third installment in Mr. Hill's project of performing

Shoot the Dog Window on Williams

"It's nicer now at Williams - they've got girls," ran a four-column, purple-inked headline across the front page of last Sunday's Berkshire Eagle "Sunday Sampler." There was a purple picture of Chapin Hall in winter-time. There was a picture of "a young lady...doing her shopping on Spring Street." And there was following all this a lengthy piece at once both angering and amusing, including some simple research errors, falsehoods, verities, and several generalities.

Number 1 - research errors and falsehoods: Williams College, according to writer Eleanor Thurston, was "long one of the most prestigious Ivy League men's colleges." I suppose this could be acceptable to those whose egos were shattered through rejection at Yale or Cornell, but Williams, and even the admissions people will admit this, is "Little Ivy," or "Potted Ivy," or one of the "Little Three." Last year a malicious rumor circulated around my high school to the effect that the University of Pennsylvania was getting booted out of the Ivy League in place of Williams, a rumor which must have come as a shock to administrators here, especially those in the athletics department.

More errors - Hopkins Hall doesn't really exist, it is "Hawkins Hall"...the freshman girls' residential house is pictured as Mission Park. (It could have been worse - they might have used Morgan). But this paragraph sums up the pattern of faulty research: "All students have to live on campus. After freshman year they can select up to four friends and are randomly assigned to an upperclass 'house' where they will live and eat for the next four years." The point of all this seeming nit-picking is this: if someone is going to do an extensive piece for a newspaper about coeducation at Williams the facts should be correct. But again, it could have been worse. They might have called this place Williams and Mary.

Yet there was much in the article that was interesting and thought-provoking about the current situation of coeducation. Descriptions of students' appearances and extra-curricular habits didn't seem to me to be so accurate or pervasive, so one afternoon last week I set out to see if Miss Thurston's conclusions were valid.

I spotted a cluster of people in front of

Chapin, and I wanted to ask them if boys seemed to "look upon girls as sisters, and vice versa." Now anybody who read the Berkshire Eagle was told that Williams men are "courteous and attractive, wear their hair fashionably long, but not extreme. Wire-rimmed glasses, mustaches, sideburns, and most of the 1972 trends of mens' styles can be seen." And many of the women students have "long, straight hair flowing down their backs, with that 'fresh, natural look' which 'glows from their faces.'" I approached one couple, who seemed a bit uneasy.

The girl faked a smile, as she brushed earnestly away at her curly hair. She looked at her boyfriend. "I'm doing my best," she pleaded. Her boyfriend paused for a bit. "I'm sorry...we just can't make it."

"You mean..."

"Yes. You just don't have that fresh natural look."

"I must be a ten-per-center, then," the girl moaned tearfully. "I must have seemed promising to the admissions people because of other talents. But you're not so courteous and attractive yourself."

The guy brought his hand just above his mouth. He looked at her searchingly. "Just because I don't have a moustache...you know, I've been working on it for two weeks, but I have two twenty-page papers to do."

"It's not only that," the girl stammered, now on the edge of crying, "But wearing weejuns went out in the 1960's. It is definitely not relevant in 1972 trend. And you have lousy manners. Didn't you read in the Berkshire Eagle that Williams students' 'good family background shows in their manners and attractiveness?'"

"Listen, sister, I'm on financial aid."

They both seemed to quiet down, and started making plans for Saturday night. At Williams, as Miss Thurston writes, "Students often dream up different and interesting things to do together, such as a fondue party or a wine-tasting party, or just rapping in the rooms." The two of them sat there dreaming for a while and after a few minutes they decided it would be different and interesting Saturday night if they both got drunk at this place after seeing a dirty movie on Spring Street.

Then the girl left. She had a class at Hawkins Hall.

the entire "Well-Tempered Clavier" in his concerts at Williams. Those to be heard this weekend include the jubilant D major from Book 2, the lofty and tragic B-flat minor from Book 1, and the jovial and witty C-sharp major from Book 2.

Gul needs your help

The staff of Gul, the college yearbook, needs photographs (color and black and white; prints, slides or negatives) of students, faculty, friends, the college, and activities centering around the college. The yearbook staff needs sketches, cartoons, caricatures, quotable quotes, as well as articles, creative writing and poetry concerned with life at Williams.

A note for Seniors... brag sheets are late and should be handed in immediately. Portrait proofs should be returned to Stevens studios with "yearbook" marked on the proof that the student selects for the senior section. All students are encouraged to hand in candid shots as well.

Faculty members... the yearbook badly needs any prints or negatives of faculty members for the faculty section. Any faculty member that would like a yearbook for himself or his office is requested to contact Tom Barron in Carter House at 8-8289. A check should be forwarded immediately for \$9 payable to 1972 Gulielmestan.

House presidents... each house is responsible for gathering material to include with the house picture. Such material as photographs, caricatures, house quotes and jokes should be forwarded to the staff by May 3rd.

House group pictures... the following schedule has been set for group photos of each house:

On Wednesday, April 26: Bryant, 12:15, Carter, 12:30, Hopkins, 12:45, Gladden, 1:00, Brooks-Spencer, 12:15, Perry, 12:30, Bascom, 12:45, Wood, 1:00. On Thursday, April 27: Fitch, 12:15, Prospect, 12:30, Fort, 1:00, Garfield, 12:45, Dennett, 12:00, Tyler, 12:15, Freshmen, 12:30-1:00. Freshman pictures will be taken in the middle of the quad.

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Rally Round McGovern

by Andrea Axelrod

"I promise to do everything I can so that by this time next year Richard Nixon will be drawing unemployment. His policies have helped others to draw it. Now it's his turn," said the Democrat who came to the Allendale shopping center as part of his campaign for votes and delegates in the April 25th Massachusetts presidential primary.

Over five hundred people heard Senator George McGovern at a shopping center rally in Pittsfield Monday.

McGovern criticized the "sickening new escalation of the war" and vowed that, if elected president, "never again will we send our young men to die for a crooked military dictatorship."

Shopping center rallies are not platforms for introducing large, new policy statements, and McGovern's impromptu remarks stuck to press releases readily available from his campaign office. The audience, which included students and middle-aged voters waited patiently for the Senator to arrive from an interview taped for a local television station.

After listening to a student band play "Cabaret," "Midnight in Moscow," and "Theme from Hawaii Five-O," the crowd responded enthusiastically to McGovern's pledge to end the credibility gap between electorate and the White House.

"As long as we have a mortal sitting in the White House, mistakes and misjudgments will be made," said the Senator. "But I will never advocate something I don't believe to be true... I will never advocate one course of action in public while secretly plotting another course in private."

The candidate, proposed that money "now wasted in war and slipping through tax loopholes" be reallocated in peacetime production that would also provide jobs for the unemployed. Recognizing the particular concern of G.E. employees in Pittsfield, the Senator said that the company could obtain non-military contracts for transit, housing, daycare, and environmental protection facilities.

McGovern recalled a story that had travelled with John Kennedy's 1960 campaign. He told of a distinguished French marshall who upon learning of a new tree in his work abroad wished to plant it when he returned home. An aide told him, "This tree won't bear fruit until 30 years from now." "Then there's no time to lose,"

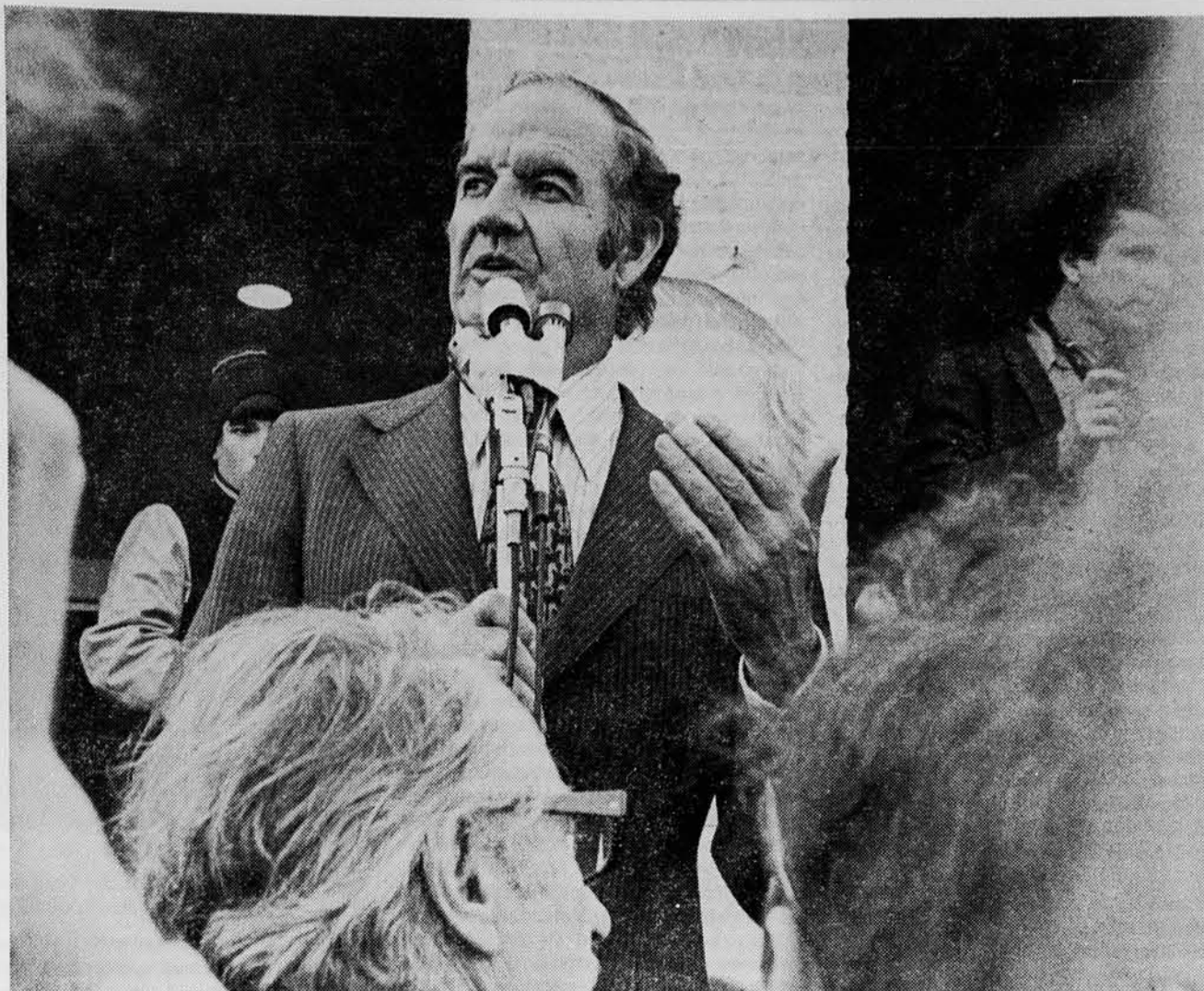


photo by Andrea Axelrod

Senator George McGovern in Pittsfield on Monday: "By this time next year Richard Nixon will be drawing unemployment."

said the marshall. "We must plant that tree this very afternoon."

McGovern later told reporters at a news conference, at Pittsfield Airport, "The President never recognized the war as the basic cause of the inflationary process."

Asked by the ReAd whether he would support a national student strike should one evolve out of protests against the renewed bombing of North Vietnam, the Senator stated that, although he would sympathize with a strike, he would not participate because, "I am not a student... Let them do their own thing. They can go on with or without my support," said McGovern. "The best way to end the war is to change the president."

Although McGovern staff members were pleased with the turnout at the rally, a member of the national press who has been travelling with the McGovern campaign commented, "It was a lot of travel for a shopping center and a num-num TV interview."

Krakauer's Rudnick suit

Salesman: "We pay you 10 cents a button, \$1.00 a rip."

Customer: "Good, I'll take ten buttons and fifteen rips."

—The Purple Cow
April, 1924

by Karen Simon

Stolid Rudnick's Laundry, entrenched on its Spring Street corner between the Bookstore and the Gym has endured its "Williams Tradition" of being simultaneously denounced and patronized by generations of "Williams Men." Stacks of white cardboard boxes which decorate entries and hallways weekly, indicate that some faith remains in the tradition. Yet disgruntled students have rumored and

rumbled over everything from pockmarked shirt shoulders to melted buttons, and the latest dissatisfied customer, senior Rex Krakauer, is suing the Rudnick establishment for "court costs, and the price of the shirt they damaged."

Krakauer, whose case will go before the Williamstown District Court next Thursday morning emphasizes that he is merely contesting on a matter of principle. "When my shirt came back from the cleaner's with holes, I showed it to Rudnick's immediately. And I would have let it drop there if he had made any effort to be reasonable, or to listen. But he said without hesitation, 'You must have done that yourself. You must have spilled battery acid on it, while you were fixing your car, or maybe chemicals from Chem class.'"

The humor of a "Krakauer vs. Rudnick's" case is, of course appreciated by the plaintiff. Krakauer states nevertheless,

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With all this in mind, but with particular emphasis on the "equity" of the original inclusion, the College Council voted that re-inclusion plans be nullified.

Following that, Dean Frost presented and got approval for the Wood-Garfield merger. Beginning with the switch next year to one dining room for the two houses, changes will culminate in Wood house becoming all-female in 1973-74. In order to begin the process of making Wood female, eight women now in Mission Park or Prospect who requested row houses as their first choice and eight upper-class women will be associated with Wood-Garfield. In addition, space allotted in West College for Garfield will be slightly increased.

Consideration of Ira Mickenberg's request for support of the Quang Ny Hospital drive was a highlight of the Council meeting. Noting that many people feel a strike would be ineffectual, Mickenberg proceeded to describe the factors involved in the drive which will culminate on Friday, the proposed strike date. Approval for the drive was unanimously given by the Council with an amendment calling for a College Council letter to Pres. Nixon, the two Massachusetts Senators and the district Congressmen, informing them of the Council's decision as a response to increased American bombing of North Vietnam.

Mickenberg then requested \$1000 for the hospital fund from the Council. Again unanimous approval was given.

Finally, it was voted to re-run the class of '74 elections for disciplinary committee and CUL due to misplaced names on the ballot. Also, self-nominations for the following committees have been re-opened due to the insufficient numbers who originally signed up for them: Afro Studies, Career Counseling, Library, Calendar and Schedule, and Course Evaluation. Freshman are advised that they are eligible to apply for the Housing Committee, too. Interested persons should pick up a ballot in the Student Affairs Office and return it, filled out, to that office, Chris Alberiti, or Peter Harnik by Monday night, 7 p.m.

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Shirt suit

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"Any student who gets screwed like this should be aware of his rights. That's exactly why I'm pursuing this case." He had consulted the Better Business Bureau in Springfield, who referred him to the Small Claims Court.

Krakauer willingly allowed the ReAd to examine the disputed garment, a brown and white striped House of Walsh shirt which was indeed sprinkled with holes.

And, back at the Laundry, Louis Rudnick amidst long, snaky plastic bags, and a paneled counter full of boxes spilling out clippings and receipts, lifted his green sweater to show the ReAd a shirt of his own. "See the Date? It's '68. This shirt has withstood four years of cleaning here." He denied Krakauer's charge in one word: "Impossible." He stated "Holes can be made merely by chlorox bleach. I've been doing the Sawyers' laundry for years without complaints."

The door blew open then, a copy of "The Wall Street Journal" drifted to the floor, and a thin girl with glasses flounced into the shop. "Read this," he said, as the girl staggered back out under a canopy of streamlined drycleaning plastic bags. He exhibited a framed glass certificate describing the two shirts which had undergone the Rudnick Treatment. The typewritten letter read:

"The above results are excellent and are a good indication that the washroom is operating in an efficient manner."

Proctor and Gamble
Textile Divisions,

"What more can you want?" asked Rudnick.

But Krakauer stated: "I'd like to win the case. I'm going to put on a coat and tie, and even comb down my hair. Rudnick told me 'You know what I once had trouble with another Krakauer years ago.'"

Strike disfavored

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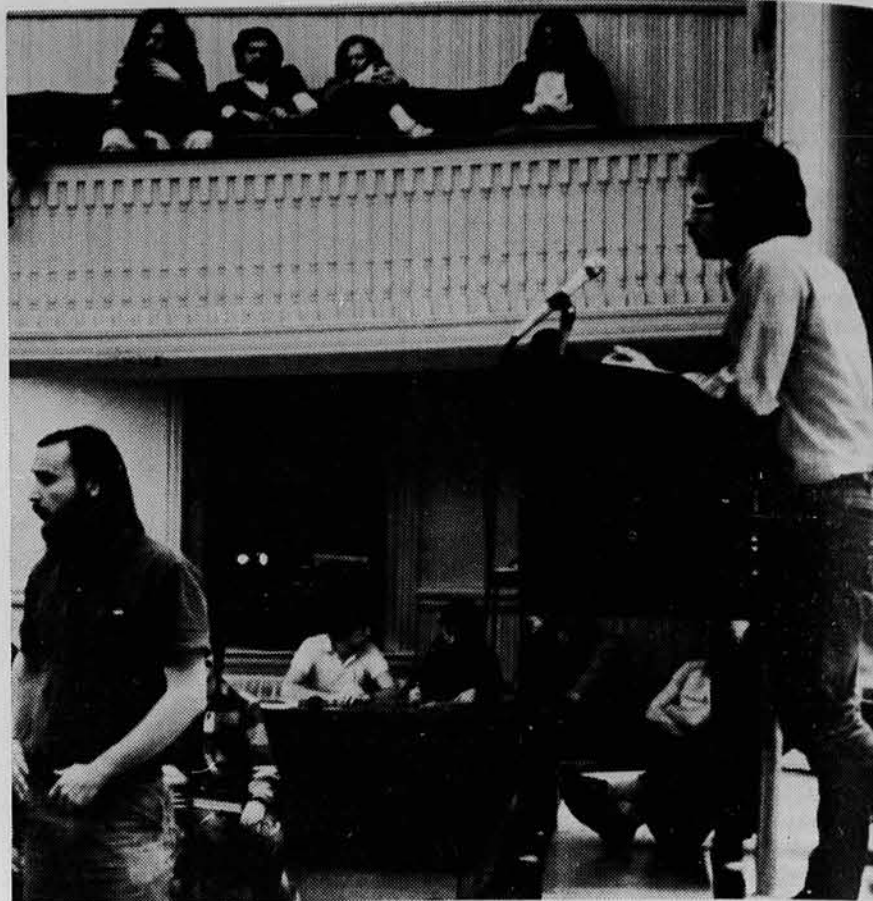


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Rory Nugent and Ira Mickenberg address a Jesup audience on methods of protesting the recent increased bombing of North Vietnam.

icans in Vietnam. College security officer Fred Busl, the community organizer of the drive said that it would give people against the war a "chance to put their money where their mouths are."

Many other proposals and announcements were made for related activities to be held in the near future. Steve Parker has arranged for showings tonight and next Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in Jesup Hall of the film "The Electronic War", a movie about the technology of the war in Vietnam. Two members of the Cambridge chapter of the American Friends' Society have made arrangements to have a work shop here at Williams the weekend of May 12-13. The workshop will take the form of a retreat in which members would live, cook, eat and discuss together for the weekend.

The foundation for the meeting in Mission Park last night had been laid earlier

in the week, in a Wednesday afternoon meeting in Griffin Hall. Last night's speakers and the topics of discussion for last night's general meeting were arranged at the Wednesday meeting. Six students were chosen by the group to speak on the subjects: Ira Mickenberg on the hospital (Quang Ni); Lisa Forrow on the use of black arm bands; Rory Nugent on the Williams portfolio investigation; Steve Parker on the Friends' film; Joe Hartney was supposed to speak on McGovern; and Chris Curtis on the possibility of demonstrations in North Adams and Williams-town.

On the whole, last night's meeting seemed to lack the frenetic quality of the 1970 strike meeting. Participants who had attended both last night's session and the one two years earlier, came to the conclusion that a certain spirit was lacking.

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THE WMPIRG DILEMMA

Here at Williams, people are worried about the environment. They recently helped start a group called WMPIRG (Western Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group) to fight things like air and water pollution, the blight in our towns and the rape of our countryside. Most students at Williams, they figured, are for things like beauty and health, and would gladly give a little time and money for their sake.

They figured wrong, it appears. Most students have ignored WMPIRG entirely. If they worry about the environment, they go off somewhere and drink until the mood passes. This is known as apathy. Not only do apathetic students get nothing done, but they leave empty cans strewn about the landscape.

Then the members of WMPIRG had an idea. Why not use apathy to get something done? Here's their plan: put a two-dollar item on every student's term bill, the proceeds of which go to WMPIRG. Each student will be advised, with the bill, that he can simply cross the item out and not pay it. In other words, the donation is strictly voluntary. But here's the beautiful part: it takes effort to cross the item out and to subtract two dollars from the bill total. Apathetic students won't take the trouble! They'll decide to back their convictions when the alternative is doing a little work. This way everyone will be happy: WMPIRG will get its funding, while apathetic students will be happy for once that they are apathetic. They will be helping to clean up the environment without lifting a finger!

OBJECTIONS RAISED

The plan sounds foolproof, but it doesn't satisfy everyone. Those who oppose the proposal belong to the "it doesn't do good if it doesn't hurt" school. They argue that making a contribution to WMPIRG by not doing something is not a virtue but a

vice. One articulate spokesman for this point of view is Harvey C. Window, a junior majoring in psycho-electronics. "Basically, I'm against anything that allows people to be good by being lazy," Mr. Window said when questioned recently. "The essence of morality lies in doing what you don't want to do. For example, when I was in high school I had a job delivering morning papers while my friend Jim worked at a soda fountain. He was on the job every afternoon after school, and the other kids from school would come in to buy a soda and talk with him. Jim used to say that it was no real job at all - he liked entertaining his friends."

"I on the other hand was up at five every morning delivering papers, even in the coldest and wettest weather. It was no fun at all. I often was so tired I'd sleep through the first three school-periods - homeroom, home economics, and gym. The pay was about the same - lousy - but the point is that while Jim was having a good time, I was building character. Now he's gone off to the woods to be a poet. He'll never make a cent. Whereas I am on my way to a promising career in psycho-electronics. So I'm against making it easy for people to back their convictions. It spoils their character."

Asked if he advised students to get actively involved in WMPIRG, Mr. Window responded positively. "Sure, let them get out there in the muck and slime, picking up beer cans. It'll be a struggle forcing themselves to 'get involved,' (I believe the expression is) and the experience will help them later on when they get serious about some career. Nothing annoys me more than people who go through life doing what they want. To use another example, it's not moral to march for peace or be friendly toward blacks if you like marching and associating with blacks. It's got to hurt a bit to be moral. I don't get out of the lab much these days, but I'm sure that the outdoors offers many disagreeable experiences for those looking for them. And I can't stress often enough what good facing unpleasant tasks will do the student later in his chosen career. After all,

we weren't put here to have fun. Life is real! Life is earnest!"

HAS A POINT

Mr. Window certainly has a point, when you stop to think about it. Why should Williams students be allowed to do good without making a commitment to what they believe? On the other hand, why should they be allowed to go on talking as if they believed in the environment without making a contribution to its improvement? Perhaps the answer is that paying two dollars on your term bill isn't enough to prove your commitment. No not enough. But it is something.

Robert Crosman

See what the boys in the back room are having

Bert and Rose Hudd begin their day with bacon and eggs, hot tea, and generous slices of buttered bread - he eats them, she serves them. They are the tenants of *The Room*, Harold Pinter's first play, performed originally over a decade ago and now being presented in the downstairs at the Adams Memorial Theatre. This presentation, under the direction of Charles Willmott and James Hudak, is a come-down in more ways than one, but it is gratifying to welcome a playwright of such deserving - if dubious - distinction as Pinter, especially after those visits we have received from the likes of Murray Schisgal, Megan Terry, Bruce Jay Friedman and John Guare.

The play derives its uniqueness (sui generis!) from the contrast between situation and surroundings: there is a wealth of suggestion amidst the poverty of decor. The simplicity and bareness of this set is quite proper, although there is, ironically, barely enough room for the acting, which is what Pinter demands above all. As a premiere exercise, it is only appropriate that Pinter should have designed *The Room* as a showcase for acting (he is, or was, himself an actor, and most of his plays, including this one, have been written as pieces for his wife, the superb British actress Vivien Merchant). Pinter's characteristic pauses seem made to order for the exertion of an actor's ability of characterization.

The Room bears the germ of Pinter's preoccupation with menace and memory. Rooms are themselves metaphors in his plays for the circumscribed areas in which people exist, and the conflicts in his plays (as in this one) often center on the fear

of intrusion and expulsion. The beginning of *The Room* details the drabness of the Hudds' life and establishes an atmosphere of tension. Within this limited existence, we witness conversations (or extended monologues) whose very banality is their essence, yet which are supposed to be expressive of solitude and separateness, of divisions caused by complacency, indifference, disinterest, misunderstanding, distrust. That we suppose all this is integral, and important - we perceive only as much as suggestions and conversational exchanges can provide. The past is vague, the present is baffling, the future is uncertain.

The final lack of connection, when Bert returns home to find Rose with the blind Riley, about whose relationship to her we are not sure and whom he eventually attacks, is brutal principally in its disturbing lack of clarity. The play's last lines ("Can't see. I can't see. I can't see.") nevertheless present us with the possibility that whatever it is Rose feared from the blind man is something which can only be accepted on this cryptic level of comprehension: she has obviously transferred the blindness to herself (or has been unable to escape it) and has therefore acknowledged his message at the same time that she rejects it and refuses to understand it. This is characteristic of her - she has admitted, casually but insistently, in her exchange with the couple who first frighten her, then intrude into the room and finally threaten to occupy it themselves, that she purposely avoids outside contacts and contact with the outside.

The production at the AMT seems to assume, however, that Pinter's method and technique are something other than what they actually are. His emphasis on acting does not mean that he eschews direction, his employment of banality does not make it necessary to convert this into blatancy. We feel somehow that the actors were not sufficiently directed or enlightened and that they have felt it their own responsibility to impart direction and light to the audience by means of giving a melodramatic intensity to some of their line readings. And it is this in particular which Pinter has most avoided and would most deplore.

Nevertheless, Peter Mertz is very good as Bert and Nancy Schade is initially quite good as Rose, Ronald Jacobs and Helen Kelly are commendably boisterous and shrewish (respectively) as Mr. and Mrs. Sands, and Anthony Brown is often amusing as Mr. Kidd. As to the pacing, there was little evidence of Pinter's (in) famous pauses being treated with the deference they deserve. His red lights were most often run through without even so much decorum as a full stop.

Arturo Calventi



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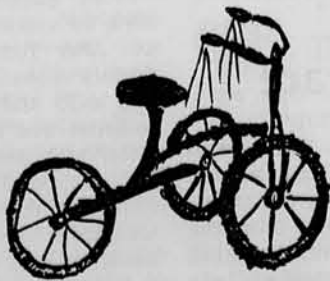
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Dartmouth dumps tennis team; frosh champ Choate

by Sam Bronfman

Against a powerful Dartmouth squad, the racquetman went down to a disappointing defeat by the score of seven matches to two. The team seems to have the potential to win their matches but the impetus is not there. With the loss of Ty Griffin, who has left the team for many complicated reasons, the top half of the ladder is further handicapped. With only two members of the team contributing victories, it is obvious that this year's team is playing up to its capabilities.

The only wins for the Ephs came in the singles with Dick Small and Jim Marver winning at numbers three and six respectively. Small used his booming serve and good, low service returns in edging Brian Williams 6-4, 6-4. Marver used his baseline game to best his northern foe 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Though not possessing a big serve or exceptional volleys, Marver's topspin forehand and slice backhand constantly kept his opponent at bay. These two men are the only Williams players that have won so far this year. The other members of the squad must contribute or the team will be in for many long afternoons.

In defense of Chris Warner and Billy Simon, they played excellent opponents and put up very good fights before succumbing. Warner fell to Lloyd Ucko 6-4, 6-4. Ucko has a fabulous serve that hops high and far to a righthander's forehand. Warner had great difficulty in returning his serve and never broke it during the match. Ucko seemed content just to win his serve and get one break a set. Simon also played well in losing to Bill Kellogg 6-4, 7-5. Kellogg has a top attacking game and constantly kept the pressure on Bill. The problems our two top players have are apparent. Warner needs to return serve much more consistently while, Simon must develop a powerful net game. Bill needs the big shot that will end points quickly. Warner does well on his own serve, but his inability to break serve has so far proved his undoing.

Peter Talbert and Charlie Kieler seemed plagued by the same problem; inconsistency. Talbert has superb strokes and all the ingredients to develop the "big game". Handicapped by inexperience stroke this is only his second year of competitive tennis. Peter must learn to steady down. For Kieler, the story is much the same. Possessing a good serve and fine strokes, Charlie also needs an element of consistency. Both could use a win to build some confidence.

The doubles were disappointing at best. Chris Warner and Dick Small fell to Ucko and Andy Oldenberg 7-6, 6-1. The match was very close for a set, but after losing the tie-breaker, the Eph stars collapsed. Dartmouth's number two team did not collapse after losing a first set tie-breaker, coming back to win 6-7, 7-6, 6-1 over Talbert and Simon. The third doubles team of Kieler and Nick Travis was soundly beaten.

Williams tennis, has a few bright spots, nevertheless, the freshman team easily defeated Choate by the score of 8-1 in upping their record to 2-1. Again led by Stu Browne and Charlie Einsiedler, the freshmen showed great potential as well as excellent strokes. In losing only one match to Choate, the Ephlets lost only fourteen games (plus one set) in winning the first five singles matches.

Browne defeated Basil Hero 6-2, 6-3. Displaying his fine serve and volley game, Stu constantly forced his rival into impossible positions, especially from the forehand wing where his topspin stroke is a major weapon. Einsiedler had an easier time, defeating Brad Westerfield 6-0, 6-2. This match, in contrast to the first, was played mostly at the baseline. Einsiedler also has a fine, driving topspin forehand which kept his opponent on his heels. Playing at number three, Dave Hillman had a tougher time with Mike Montgomery. Despite a second set lapse, Hillman's superior net game proved the difference in the final score of 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Sam Bronf-

man had the easiest time of all, winning 6-0, 6-1, while Brad Hearsh found the going easy also, trimming his rival 6-1, 6-2. Only Mike Watkins was unable to post his decision in the win column, losing 6-4, 7-6 in an extremely hard fought match.

In the doubles, the excellent doubles team of Browne and Einsiedler had no trouble in disposing of Hero and Montgomery 6-2, 6-2. Dave Hillman and Sam Bronfman had first set problems before winning 7-6, 6-1, before Rod Geler and Ned Woodbridge closed out the match at number three by an identical score.

Eph runners 'Kings of the road' in Boston marathon

by Pete Farwell

Every year for the last 76 years the Boston Marathon has offered something new and unique; even old Johnny Kelly who has run 41 editions of the Patriots' Day extravaganza, experiences new dimensions of stress and strain. But it is the widening self that one discovers by participating along with 1100 other "kooks, crazed, and addicts" in 26 miles 385 yards of masochism that is a deep and pleasurable experience, rewarding enough that men (and some women) come back year after year. Out of the demolished body that completes the race arises, like the Phoenix, a new spirit to carry one through another year. So if you see a few debilitated derelicts staggering around Williamstown remember that in their thoughts they feel free as the breeze.

The Williams Road Runner Club was definitely ready for another experiment with one of Pete Farwell's wild ideas. This was the highlight of their schedule, and the four freshmen who accompanied the two year veteran did not know any better. As a matter of fact even he had forgotten the unpleasant and remembered only the enjoyable parts of those previous traumatic races. Thus innocently and courageously Mike McGarr, Pete Hyde, Scott Lutrey and Paul Skudder lined up in the middle of the pack to wait the gun. At its firing their hearts and 1100 others began pounding rapidly, although it was from excitement alone since it takes a good 30 seconds for the back of the pack to start moving. The day was too warm (65 degrees) and sunny for marathoners, but a fine day for a keg. These Ephs would prove how "long" they were in another fashion.

Lutrey and Skudder set off at their seven-minute per mile pace which they maintained for 13 miles into Wellesley, where an attractive throng heralded the Williams' men with lusty cheers. Skudder, running without his hat, delayed for some reason at this point, while the less observing and more oblivious Lutrey forged on, his only comment being a cheerful "Good Morning!" Meanwhile Farwell, Hyde and McGarr had sped through 10 miles in less than an hour and were feeling "confident". The tens of thousands lining the streets spurred everyone on, by number, name or a "Go, Williams!" as revealed by the occasional bellows for the "Ephs", "Purple Cows" and the men from "Billsville".

Feet beat down, the sun beat down, energy levels went down and all slowed down. The exceptions were the superiorly conditioned runners who led now and at the finish Olari Suomalainen, a Finn, in first (2:15:39), a Colombian second, Mexicans third, fourth and fifth, and the first American Bruce Mortenson of Oregon in sixth (2:19:59).

Over-estimating his capacity Farwell pushed on ahead of Hyde and McGarr to move into the top 100 (having passed approximately 500-600 people by then) at halfway. But then it came time for the do or die, the inevitable hills that stretch from 17 to 21 miles culminating in "Heartbreak Hill", appropriately named and effective due not to steepness or length but its strategic position at the point of the race where runners are most fatigued. For Farwell it was do or die; he made it over but then rigor mortis set in for the last five miles. To make matters worse one of those "cute" runners with a Mickey Mouse

shirt was right in front so he had to listen to the crowds cheer that famed celebrity. Those last five miles are endless and like the moment before death images of one's past life fly through one's head (and visions of sugar plums?). Will I ever make it? Even then, will I ever walk again?

There's the star from Tufts; I can tell he's appreciating the agonized look on my face. But now there's Kinky from Williams, and I know I can do it "Yard by yard..." There are no more kids offering oranges, water, or gatorade as they had for the 20 preceding miles; it is just you, your thoughts and the pavements forming a hard reality enveloped by a murky periphery of spectators trying to break through your impervious daze. The finish line looms ahead. Will I trip on the paint? With that last hurdle cleared there is all of a sudden some measure of revival, a drink, shower, blister treatment, and at last the long awaited Irish stew and gallons of milk and gatorade in the camaraderie of 1100 fellow masochists. Never has one felt so vividly at once both the limits and powers of the body.

One by one the exalted Ephs hobbled in with heads high and trays full. Farwell finished a contorted 59 (2:35:38) to beat the lone Amherst man who was 101, McGarr followed by a steady but blistered 121 (2:45:56), Hyde the surprise of the team in a sensational 2:48:52 for 152, Lutrey a rather nauseated 410; (3:10). Skird, persistently moving along by walk and jog the last five miles despite unresponsive muscles, completed a mission he will never forget in 3 hours 55 minutes.

Now there is a whole year to forget and remember, until the time when this largest and fastest bunch of Williams' marathoners may return for another crack at the Boston mystique.

IM sports

In recent intramural developments, Wood defeated the faculty in the finals of the volleyball tournament. Gladden earlier had won the swim meet. With squash (uncompleted), ping-pong, track and softball still to be decided, the present IM standings are:

House	Pts.
Wood	75
Bryant	74
Fitch	58
Carter	53
Fayerweather	53
Dennett	52
Gladden	48
Spencer-Brooks	47
Perry	43
Faculty	42
Fort Hoosac	42
Morgan	41
Garfield	40
Prospect	36
Bascom	30
East-Lehman	29
Playboys	26
Tyler	19
Hopkins	16
Rogues	15

Purple oarsmen prepare for Little Three race

by Gil Birney

Nobody in Williamstown likes warm weather and sunshine as much as the hearty breed of oarsmen that call themselves the Williams College Boat Club. The balmy winds and blessed warmth of April mean that soon the ice will break on Lake Onota and the crew can look south for a thirty-minute drive to practice rather than west for the seventy-minute parade to Stillwater. The delicious symphony of spring scents means more time on the water, less time in the cars, and the delightful company of cursing Pittsfield fishermen. Two out of three ain't bad.

With the Little Three Championships coming up in the 29th in Middletown, the crews will need all the good weather and good workouts they can get. The varsity lost a close race against Holy Cross last Friday when they wore heaters in the

sprint after leading the whole race. Amherst just beat Holy Cross this week in a slightly shorter race. Moving into Boston last Saturday after the Holy Cross event, purple first and second boats were soundly beaten by big B.U. and Brown crews on the Charles.

But in the full weekend competition both boats showed the poise and toughness that are essential to a winning attitude. Working hard this past week in the rays and rain and rubbish of the Hudson, the team hopes to move to Onota tomorrow to continue conditioning and consistency work, aiming for the Little Three title that has eluded them for seasons. Coxed by sophomore Scott Rowly, the first boat is stroked by "Wild Bill" Walton, followed by Italy's own little giant, Chuck Ossala; Rick Unger, The Philadelphia kid; Co-capt. "Wheel" Barnes; "Tex" Helberg; Bill "Macgroo" McGraw; Boy Tortoise, Billy Foote, and the mighty mite, Carl Dierker. Lord knows they're hot.

Ephs win opener on Smith's hit in ninth

by Tom Cesarz

Baseball season finally opened in Williamstown Tuesday after two weeks of inclement weather forced the postponement of four games. Coach Bobby Coombs' ballplayers greeted the sunny weather with an exciting 5-4 victory over Trinity. The Ephs took eight innings to warm up to the temperature before pouring across five runs in the last two innings for the win. Senior Terry Smith's infield single produced the winning run with two out in the ninth. Tom Lee, pitching three innings in brilliant relief of starter John Dier, got the victory.

The Ephs fell behind in the second inning when Trinity pushed across four runs with only one hit. Starter Dier was hurt by a total loss of control resulting in four walks and two wild pitches. Terry Smith's throwing error also provided Trinity with an easy run. After the disastrous second, Dier settled down and pitched strong ball until Lee began the seventh inning. Tommy blanked the Bantams the rest of the way, allowing only three hits and one walk while striking out five.

The Ephs' offensive attack lay dormant until the eighth inning when the Trinity starter, John Suroviak, began to tire. Suroviak, who had relied on his curve ball throughout the game, lost his control and started to fall behind the batters. John Murray led off the inning with a single to center. After Tom Geissler walked, sophomore Dan Odre drove the baserunners home with a towering triple to the stands in left field. Suroviak, reaching the point of exhaustion, walked both Smith and Mike Bangser to fill the bases. After repeated beckonings to his coach, Suroviak was finally saved from further embarrassment when Bill Scully came in to relieve him. Scully quickly fell behind 3-0 to Tommy Lee. But he came back strong to strike out Lee on three straight pitches and end the inning.

Scully quickly got into trouble in the ninth by walking lead-off batter Wid Nelson. After Tom Geissler grounded into a fielder's choice, John Murray also walked. Two walks and two wild pitches later, the ballgame was tied. Terry Smith was the batter with men on second and third and two out. Smith worked Scully to a full count and then lashed the 3-2 pitch over the middle. The Bantams' second baseman, Hurd, made a great stop but was unable to recover in time to throw out the hustling Smith. Geissler crossed the plate with the winning run.

The most encouraging aspect of the game was the Ephs' persistence and determination. Long after the stands had emptied of the fickle fans who believed the game lost, Williams hung in and pulled it out. Both John Dier (excepting the second inning) and Tommy Lee performed admirably on the mound. The offensive attack was led by Odre who contributed a single to go with his booming triple. Prospects seem good for the most successful baseball season in a long time.