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by Andy Bader

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Here's a riddle for people who are looking for something to do while the strike fever is still hot. What do a "living bra" and a deadly bomb sensor have in common? Answer: they are both made by the same well-known company. You probably have seen their ads for baby bottles and rubber pants too . . .

The American Friends Service Committee has documented the Pentagon's latest trend-setting war activities in a slide presentation called "The Automated Battlefield." It was shown at Williams last month before a group of five people in Griffin Hall. The prospects seem good for a better reception when the slides and commentary are presented here again

The Friends' documentary points to some sobering data that has been largely unavailable to the general public. Frightening conclusions abound:

The recent out-cry unleashed by Nixon's give 'em hell Hanoi bombings should not obscure an insidious phase of our "commitment" that has been developing for many months. The Orwellian world of laserguided bombs, unmanned computer-directed aircraft and elaborate surveillance systems is a daily reality for millions of civilians in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

The military-industrial team has apparently succeeded in bringing us tomorrow's war today. The Air Force trade journals shout the slogans of this new world. Electronic warfare is our business." Or how about the pitch for the latest chopper. "The A-7 makes ground movement after dark a nightmare." Madison Ave. has played a bad joke on a lot of Vietnamese

In those quiet pre-strike days of a month ago, Friends' slide commentator Steve Early described the "automation of the air war" as the "giant machine that sees its victims as blips on a screen." He had been carrying the message from town to town for months.

Early called attention to the fact that during the three years of the Nixon administration over three million tons of bombs have been dropped in Southeast Asia, a total that exceeds the number dropped during both World War II and

He then detailed the three-fold package that military planners have developed in order to wreak systematic destruction while utilizing a minimum number of per-

This strategy makes widespread use of thousands of ground sensors, small camouflaged microphones that detect the sounds of footsteps and other pedestrian noises along trails and in the jungles. These sensing devices relay informaion on ground movements to computer centers which evaluate the data and dispatch bomb-laden planes to "targeted" areas.

The definition of "target" remains rather ambiguous. As Early pointed out, the sensors can be finely tuned to distinguish between the sounds of trucks and footsteps, but "cannot tell the difference between peasant woodcutters, Viet Cong troops, an old man or water buffalo."

The third phase of computerized air warfare consists of an incredible tonnage of largely "anti-personnel" bombs that are designed primarily to wound and maim.

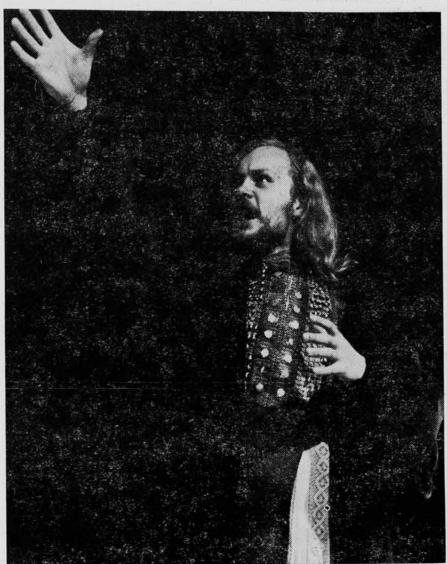
General Westmoreland summed up the essence of this sophisticated weaponry in October, 1969. "I see battlefields on which we can destroy anything we locate through instant communications and the almost instantaneous application of highly lethal

Early recounted the plight of the million or so Laotians who are forced to live in caves in order to escape American bombing raids. Added to this number are the countless tens of thousands of civilians who have been forced into refugee camps far from their homes through our country's policy of "area denial".

The slide presentation also traced the involvement of many well-known companies in the production of war materials. The Playtex company developed the tiny microphones that can betray the movements of civilians and soldiers alike. Textron, the zipper company, also makes helicopters that "see" in the dark.

Early asserted that the American people "have been lulled into support of the ongoing slaughter", and that the military may continue their automated war "indefinitely" to "prove to guerrillas around the world that the price of revolutions is

The proposal concerning the student representative originated with the Steering Committee and the College Council, Its intent is to provide increased feedback between the Council and the CEP. Andrew Crider, present chairman of the CEP, argued in favor of the measure. Though some opposition arose, it was thoroughly answered by the three CC members present. Prof. Fred Greene asked why the additional student should have a vote, since, to his knowledge, there are no appointed faculty with that power. It was pointed out to Greene that, on the contrary, such a faculty appointee does in fact sit on the



The first and special preview performance of Shakespeare's "King Lear" will be given at 8:30 on Thursday, April 27th with Ed Baran (above) in the title role. Others in the cast are Bruce MacDonald as Edmund; Tom Allingham, Edgar; Charles de l'Arbre, Gloucester; Laura Hanft, Regan; Maggi Renzi, Goneril; Corinne Ball, Cordelia; Dean Cycon, the Fool; Will Weiss, France; Charles Eberdt, Kent. All seats are reserved.

itary is a tool" of the corporate board rooms and that public awareness must be generated so that pressure can be applied to local armaments-producing companies.

Apparently, the American Friends Serng artificial limbs for Viet- pointee. namese children. No slogans are needed to dispense their peace materials.

Faculty examines CEP proposals

On April 19th, the recent proposals of the Committee on Educational Policy came under scrutiny again, this time by the faculty. Two proposals were before the meeting, one to allow the College Council to appoint one voting student representative to the CEP, the second to revise grading procedure.

President Sawyer opened the meeting by reading a letter from the presidents of the Ivy League colleges and MIT which deplored the renewed bombing of North Vietnam. He went on to endorse the Quang Ngai Hospital Fund initiated by several members of the Williams community. Sawyer expressed the hope, in the spirit of the other presidents' sentiments, that normal educational activities would not be disrupted at Williams. His wish was fulfilled, unlike those of the other Ivy League administrators.

He then closed by saying that "the mil- CEP. This confusion resolved, Sawyer called for a vote, and the motion passed almost unanimously. The number of voting faculty on the CEP is seven plus the three ex-officio members (President, Dean of Faculty, Dean of the College). The total vice Committee has dug up some of voting students was increased by this hard facts here at home. Meanwhile, at measure to five, one from each academic places like Quang Ngai, the Quakers are division, a freshman, and now the CC ap-

> The second matter before the faculty was a proposal designed to allow descriptive evaluation of a student's academic performance in addition to the conventional grading procedure. This new system of grading would go into effect in any course whose instructor could demonstrate to his department and to the CEP that the traditional grade either would be meaningless or would be positively detrimental to the learning process. The proposed revision grows out of a study conducted by the Committee in recent months and an open meeting between the CEP and students two weeks ago.

The plan itself drew considerable comment, mostly negative, from the faculty. Joe Evans and Rory Nugent, speaking on behalf of the student members of the CEP, said that a workable alternative to the present system would be one in which each student could choose, in all his courses, either to be graded or to be evaluated descriptively. This would accommodate both the students who prefer grades because gaduate schools require them and those who wish to escape what they consider the anti-educational confines of the present method. While Joe Evans repeatedly stat-

ed that the majority of students favored such a flexible program, the faculty, with some exceptions, argued consistently against it. Since CEP report was only under discussion at this meeting, no vote was

Stedronsky explains SAO functions

by Andy Culbert

One of the major proposals in Jim Stedronsky's presidential campaign was the formation of a student affairs office. Since his election, the room across from the snack bar in Baxter Hall has been utilized for this purpose, yet confusion still exists concerning the office's role in the day-today life of the average Williams student. In an interview with the ReAd, Stedronsky outlined two primary goals for the office: 1.) as an information center where students can find out about the activities, plans, and structures of student groups and committees, and 2.) as an intermediary between students and administration As a go-between, the affairs office would be concerned primarily with directing a student with an idea or complaint to the proper administrative or student organization. This would make it possible for a student to avoid the various bureaucratic channels in order to find the precise outlet for his problem or suggestion. For example, the group of freshmen who were upset about the House inclusion system were completely stifled in their attempts to make known their feelings. However, shortly after approaching the affairs office with their situation, prompt action was taken, the right authorities notified and the problem solved.

Participation in the activities of the office is open to any interested students, and Stedronsky stresses the point that its effectiveness will depend, to a great extent, upon the willingness of students to offer their time and energy. A director and a coordinating committee will be named with the consent of the College Council. A preliminary budget of \$200 for office supplies, operating costs and a telephone, has already been allocated by the Council. Some other tentative plans include: a mimeograph available for student use, the only cost being that of paper and ink; a continuing record of all faculty meetings and reports, and of all student-faculty committee meetings and reports; and a publicity board for use by any student organization and for public service announcements

Gargoyle elects new members

New members of the honorary Gargoyle Society have been selected for the coming school year, having first been nominated by the standing members of the organization.

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News Briefs

Taylor on war crimes, guilt, etc.

Telford Taylor, professor of law at Columbia University, and U. S. Chief Counsel at the Nuremberg Trials, will speak tonight at 8 p.m. in Jesup Hall, on "War Crimes: Guilt and Responsibility."

Prof. Taylor, a 1928 graduate of Williams, received an honorary LLD from

He is the author of a number of books including three volumes on the history of the German military, a subject he first became interested in as a U. S. Army intelligence officer during World War II. His latest work, "Nuremberg and Vietnam: An American Tragedy," has been widely reviewed and

Records for posterity

Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian affairs, will speak on U. S. foreign policy in the Mideast this coming Friday. The presentation, sponsored by Prospect and Carter Houses, will be at 8 P.M. in Jesup Hall.

Psyched for the Pleasure Dome?

The Berkshire Symphony will give the fourth and final concert of its current season on Friday, April 28th, at 8:30 p.m. in Chapin Hall. Julius Hegyi will conduct, and Juana Fromageot will be piano soloist.

Works on the program are Bizet's Symphony in C Major, Griffes' Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan, and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Miss Fromageot is now the regular pianist of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. She has been highly praised by critics in that area, who said that she plays the piano "as if it were a full symphony orchestra" and noted her "flair for the varied styles of playing.

Jazzy performance promised by ensemble

The New England Conservatory Jazz Ensemble will give a free concert in Chapin Hall, Williams College on Wednesday, April 26th, at 8:30 p.m.

Conductor Carl Atkins will lead the twenty musicians in many of their own compositions. Their music is often improvisational and shows the influence of Black and early New Orleans jazz. Members of the two-year-old group are either jazz majors or other music majors at the New England Conservatory in Boston who are interested in jazz. This group is one of only two actively performing jazz ensembles in the country today.

WOC board named

The Board of the Williams Outing Club for 1972-73 has been announced: President, Lindsay Fowler; Treasurer, Debbie Marshall; Secretary, Nancy Storrs; Activities, Clive Hulick; Equipment, Pam McCarthy; Winter Carnival, Jim Chapman; P. E. Skiing, Harvey White; Environment, Mike Durst; Membership, Mark Finch; At Large, Fritz Danz; Cabins and Trails, Don White; Publicity, Becky Fernald.

Come early

The pleasure of browsing through a second-hand book shop will be offered by the Smith College Club's annual Book Sale for Scholarships. The annual sale of many quaint and unusual books will be held at the First Congregational Church Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Try out, you'll like it

Auditions for William Saroyan's The Time of Your Life will be held Friday, April 28 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 1-6 p.m. There are 26 parts, 18 men and 8 women. A limited number of scripts are available in the AMT box office. The play, to be performed commencement weekend, June 2 and 3 will be directed by Will Weiss '72.

Downey Side Homes seeks chairman

Downey Side Homes, a private organization that provides homes for "neglected and homeless youths", is looking for someone to serve as a chairman to recruit students and publicize a fund drive May 6. The Downey Side organization also needs people to help remodel old houses so that more homes for young people can be established in the area. Contact Michelle Madden at 443-1076 for more information.

Boys will be boys?

On Friday evening, the Williams Film Society will offer Mart Crowley's homosexual sequel to Amos and Andy, The Boys in the Band. Immediately after the 7:30 showing, a discussion of the film with members of Williams Gay Liberation will follow in the Science Common Room, on the second floor of

CORRESPONDENCE

Find out first

To the editors:

I agree with those who say that the Quang Ngai Hospital fund drive is inadequate as a response to Nixon's resumed bombing of the North. So, for that matter, is a "dump Nixon" campaign, war tax resistance, a movement to end the draft, campaigning for a peace candidate, a boycott of Wonder Bread (made by IT&T), or a demonstration.

But to let the all-too-obvious label "inadequate" keep us from any one form of action is only to let ourselves be crumpled into a mass of apathy or despair.

That has been the general appearance of campuses since the last strike, while bombs have been dropped on the Indochinese people at the rate of 2,000 tons a day. After such a prolonged period of inactivity, most of us have lost any sense of power, of our ability to effect change.

The predominant feeling now seems, at least here at Williams, to be anger and frustration, Rather than inflict that anger and frustration destructively upon what few anti-war projects are now extant, let us rather channel it into the construction of a new "offensive".

We should all give to the Quang Ngai fund without a second thought - many already have. We should all refuse to pay the 10 per cent phone tax, which according to Wilbur Mills is made necessary "only by the Vietnam operation". We should draw up lists of products made by war corporations like Honeywell, Westinghouse, G.E., and IT&T, and oganize boycotts.

We should educate ourselves about the automated war. To that end, the Williamstown Action Coalition will be showing the slide show "The Automated Battlefield" Wednesday night at 8:00 in Jesup. They are purchasing a set of the slides from NARMIC and will be giving frequent campus and community showings beginning the end of this week.

Once we understand fully what the government is doing, we can think creatively about how to stop it. Then, at least, we will have begun.

Steve Parker '72

Patience urged

To the editors:

In answer to Mrs. Margot Seitelman's letter, true the "ReAd" at times is boring. dull etc. in parts, but then is there a human being upon this earth who is not at one time or another one of these things? Our sons and our daughters work hard and diligently with pathos, humor, wit and intelligence to inform and educate (in some instances very successfully, since our gen-

eration may need it at certain times on subjects that concern our sons and daugh-

Why tear down, why throw stones? Why not encourage leadership, ability, motivation, drive where it is - in the "ReAd". At least, they aren't sitting on their hands, or burying their heads in the brew found on Spring Street. They are thinking members of society - the society, like it or not. that is replacing you and me. We have made mistakes, many; stand aside, they'll make theirs, but get out of your glass house - encourage them - don't slap their hands - like it or not, they've grown up it's their world and I don't think they've inherited a particularly good one - give them their chance.

We only pass this way once. Let it be! Constance M. Wulffaert Parent '73

This letter is printed in reply to one appearing in the April 11th issue of the "ReAd."

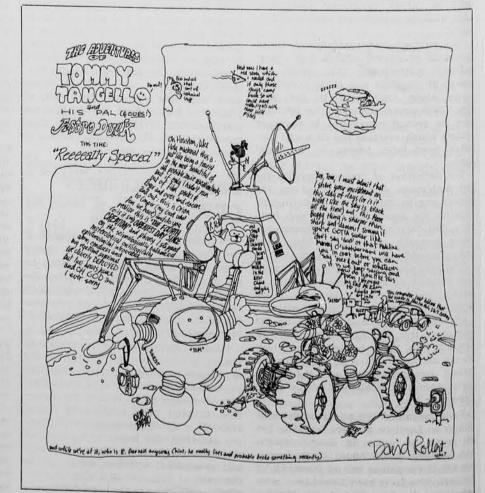
Recalls pithy quote

Dear editors:

I happened to be in the ReAd office last Thursday night while your theatre critic was writing on Harold Pinter's The Room. Mr. Calventi had written a lovely paragraph on his play program which I missed afterwards when reading his review. I searched for this and have sent it along, thinking that your readers might enjoy it. It says much about the way in which audiences must approach Pinter.

> Though his experience in acting may be the source of Pinter's enigmatic style, there can be no doubt that the experience of living is what distinguishes his plays from the mere experiments in magic with which they are often compared. If Pinter's plays mystify us, they do so because the life they describe is mystifying, and they do it with a craft which is undoubtedly an artist's. Mere craftsmen in suspense and stupefication do not reveal very much concern with the nuances of living, and Pinter's plays are nothing if not extraordinay analyses of the problems of understanding and communication in ordinary lives. Self-revelations are not characteristic of these lives (language is as capable of communicating the false as it is the true; even on a stage language is not the only form of communication), and Pinter's theatre is testimony to the problems we encounter in attempting the exegesis of life.

Yours truly. Pauline Reage



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Executive Editor Dick Langleis accompanied a group of students to Washington and produced this latest in a series of essays chronicling Williams political involvement.



Joe Hartney (left) and Mike Torre with John Kenneth Galbraith about the Burns scenario-that Kennedy would be drafted by a deadlocked convention. There will be no deadlock, quoth Galbraith. "The race will narrow in the last two weeks and Humphrey will prove a much

As the Americans for Democratic Action celebrated their 25th year of existence, the birth of a somewhat less noteworthy offshoot group was generally ignored. One well-known ADA member, however, was heard to comment, "I guess liberalism has finally crept into Williams College."

weaker candidate than people think.

Last weekend this organized liberalism, under the guise of a Williams chapter of the ADA, crept out of the Berkshires and into Washington. Taking advantage of ADA's desire to refurbish its image by adding a large number of 'youth" members, junior Joseph Hartney led a group of nine from this nascent chapter to the national convention.

When Hartney and the bulk of the contingent arrived at the Sheraton Park's ADA registration stand late Friday afternoon, they found senior Phil Youderian already there. Dressed in conservative gray business suit and hiking boots, Youderian had hitch-hiked to Washington on Thursday and was now quite busily (and apparently purposefully) engaged in the matters of convention.

Hartney immediately began conferring with Ellen Vollinger, head of the Smith contingent and higher-up in the organization, about the possibility of Hartney's nomination to the ADA national board. Although Vollinger claimed to be in charge of such nomination, it took several hours and half a caucus before Hartney found that, as head of a chapter (albeit a small one), he was automatically a member of the board.

Later that evening, seemingly omnipresent ADA chairman Allard Lowenstein introduced Senator Alan Cranston to the plenary session convened in the hotel ballroom. A student had gauded the podium with a "Nixon's had ITT" sticker; and, in both senses, Cranston stood behind that sentiment.

The California senator however, spoke more specifically against the Gold-water resolution passed by Congress in the wake of the bombing. The resolution condemned both the bombing and the violent attack by the North Vietnamese which preceded it. Cranston termed the bill "another Gulf of Tonkin Resolution." The statement that "the 'government' has the right to protect U.S. troops" was, according to the Senator, "vague," and "implies that the Nixon administration is the 'government.'

Ending on a note of idealistic optimism characteristic of ADA, Cranston quoted George Washington: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair." Following the speech was a forum with representatives of the presidential candidates-each desirous of having his/her candidate be the standard bearer to which the ADA would repair for its endorsement

The audience response showed it was McGovern all the way; and Frank Manckiewicz, the Dakotan's representative, was in charge all the way. "What price do you think you would have gotten a month ago betting that McGovern would get a majority of the delegates in Vermont?" McGovern had done just that. "Now they say he's got too narrow a base," Manckiewicz began laughing –"New England."

Each surrogate candidate gave a ten-minute speech; a question and answer period then ensued. Someone asked Humphrey's representative, a distinguished mid-west black named Davis, why his candidate backed the "repressive, slaveclass-creating" H.R. one, President Nixon's welfare plan. The questioner further demanded why Humphrey came out strong for the poor in Wisconsin, but played up to George Wallace on "welfare chisellers" in Florida. Davis came nervously to the podium, stuttered, then began. "Well that's the trouble with not having the actual candidates here-I'm sorry-I can't answer that question.

So began the "dump on Hubie" theme to recur throughout the convention. Hartney came to the floor microphone and, after announcing to a round of NIXONS HAD IT I

Allard Lowenstein, chairman of the ADA, and Dolores Mitchell, Executive secretary of the ADA during the Friday night plenary session.

applause that he was a Philadelphia native, demanded of Davis the why of Humphrey's relationship with that city's mayor, Ratso Rizzo. Rizzo, a conservative, recently called Nixon "the greatest president this country has ever had." Cowered by the barrage, the Minnesotan representative admitted meekly that "the relationship should change soon."

Al Lowenstein got up from the seat on the floor of the ballroom which he'd been occupying throughout the course of the forum. Removing his coat, he proceeded to give a more fiery rendition of what was basically the "dump Nixon" speech he gave last Tuesday at Williams-including the question, "how can you say Nixon is undefeatable when he won by 42 per cent of the vote in '68 against Hubert Horatio Humphrey!?

Hartney spoke to Manckiewicz after the forum. "What are you doing down here?" the former Kennedy aide asked him. "This place is sewed up. You should be back in Massachusetts.



Senator Edward Kennedy at the ADA banquet

"I hope Massachusetts is sewed up already, too," replied Hartney. Several Berkshire delegates wished to visit the Panda Bears at the National Zoo; Hartney, however, was less sanguine about it and the zoo was not visited that day. Gotten in trade as a gesture of friendship with Red China, the black and white furry animals are, like many things, nearly impossible to breed in captivity. They are mysterious: scientists are unsure whether they are members of the bear family or the raccoon family. Mrs. Nixon said of the animals, "I think everyone would like to cuddle them."

In the evening was a 15 dollar-a-plate dinner; like most of the youth delegates, the local contingent forewent the meal and stood at the rear of the ball-

room to hear the after-dinner speech of Senator Edward Kennedy.

The senator was preceded to the mike by long-time ADA figure Joseph Rauh. Rauh began by analogizing Kennedy's situation to the anecdote about the archeologist who advertised for an assistant. The helper was to be between 20 and 30 years old, a college graduate, and an expert archeologist. A 61 year old high school dropout who "didn't know limestone from brick" responded. "You don't have the qualifications," he was told. "Well, I just came by to tell you," finished Rauh with a chuckle, "on me you shouldn't count."

Visibly flustered, Kennedy whispered to the speaker. "The senator just reminded me about the saying his brother Jack used to have: what's this word

I always hear run-on without separations? Goddamjoerauh?"

Kennedy's own speech, nevertheless, was as virulently anti-administration as that of any candidate. He hit at Vice President Agnew's "lemming-like" reaction to the Democratic criticism of the bombing.

He also brought George Wallace into the talk, saying that the Southern candidate is "anti-black" and, as such, deplorable. He then constructed an elaborate exegesis of the Wallace attraction. Citing the sterile, industrialized, Sisyphus life of the average working-class American, the senator used the example of a worker who shot a foreman and fellow workers but, upon inspection of the plant by the court, was declared legally insane. Kennedy called for corresponding attention to the problems of the worker.

The actual endorsement of a presidential candidate by ADA came on Sunday. There was not any debate as to who that endorsee would be-it would be George McGovern. The committee on government presented a majority statement listing the senator's qualifications and fully endorsing him. The minority report, too, endorsed McGovern, but also added some philosophical comments on other candidates. The report was mildly favorable (condescending was the word used by one delegate) toward Senator Muskie and Representative Chisholm, and decidedly against Governor Wallace, Senator Jackson and, most interestingly, ADA founder Hubert Humphrey. The organization did not at all condone that Senator's stands on busing, welfare, or his associations with Rizzo: and the minority report stated that people should be so informed.

After much debate, the convention endorsed the majority report.

Later, several Williams students went to see the Pandas. But after waiting in a long line, only one could be seen, sitting meekly in the dark, barely visible, licking his paws.

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Of benign tumors and political animals

by Dan Pinello

Now that homosexuality and Gay Liberation have come out for discussion on campus, the Williams College Library has purchased some nine or ten books on various gay issues. For historians and sociologists, for example, Stetson Hall offers Donn Teal's The Gay Militants, H. Montgomery Hyde's The Love That Dared Not Speak Its Name, and Arne Karlen's Sexuality and Homosexuality: A New View. The first is an exhaustive history of the Movement's puberty; the second, a candid account of the once unmentionable subject in Great Britain; and the third, a \$15.00 "definitive explanation of human sexuality, normal and abnormal," as the cover claims. (I'm always wary of people who use self-righteous words like "normal" and "abnormal," preferring myself the modest "variant," and this last, ostensibly unbiased, to me justifies my suspicion.) Actually, I find the social sciences to be somewhat tedious at times, so I just mention the above works as a need to those who wrangle over futile questions of morality and causality while I pass on to oth- is slipping away.

er, more personally fulfilling books.

E. M. Forster's Maurice, Merle Miller's On Being Different, and Arthur Bell's Dancing the Gay Lib Blues reveal stages in the development of the gay consciousness of the Twentieth Century. Forster's protagonist is a good-natured oaf who stumbles into his homosexuality quite unprepared. Luck provides him with two reasonably happy love affairs, one with a Cambridge classmate, the other with that classmate's gardener. But Maurice's sexual inclination, along with Victorian England's rigid social structure, confounds much of his serenity. Forster sees his character as a doctor might view a benign tumor: harmless, though aberrant. Only the unduly contrived plot protects Maurice from becoming a psychological cripple.

Miller's autobiographical sketch encompasses a vastly changing social milieu. Born into God-fearing, argrarian Iowa, he only has opportunity for brief sexual escapades with the transients of Depression America's train depots. Then, in his early 50's, the New York of the Gay Liberation Front revamps his attitudes toward himself and his past existence. Miller comes out of his closet in The New York Times Magazine - obsequiously, to be sure, but grandly public. The old order indeed is slipping away.

Arthur Bell is a founder of Manhattan's Gay Activists' Alliance. His book recounts how he and his lover of some seven years, along with other newly militant homosexuals, started the organization to fight oppressive laws and law enforcement and to celebrate their gayness. Theirs is a life's commitment to totally open self-expression, free of any self-imposed inhibition. Theirs also is an all-consuming commitment to Gay Liberation, without recourse afterwards to the comforts of anonymity.

Maurice's lifestyle is totally out of step with newly self-assertive gay America. Forster's temperate denigration of homosexuality - ironic since the author himself was "that way" - belongs to a culture where social propriety commands overwhelming respect, where well defined caste systems let each person know what's expected of him and - more important - what isn't. In essence, a less complex, less mobile civilization than the present. A 1970's Maurice would be an anarchronism: he fails to question his milieu, to inspect its dicta and judge whether they're worthy of his deference. He's simply too passive.

Miller is less out of place. He's lived Maurice's life, done his hiding and abnegation, yet ultimately rejects his life of deceit. But at the same time, he seeks to appease the intolerant society he attacks,

to prostrate himself in front of it as the suffering "different" person, to request indulgence and tolerance. He argues that given an inexplicable and irreversible situation, society must deal humanely with it. Inevitably his many closeted years have bound him to judgments reached in Maurice's day: inculcation has thoroughly indoctrinated him. Thus Miller has at last become candid with himself and others, but hardly revolutionary.

Bell is a Gay Activist, a political animal. He pickets City Hall, marches in Gay Pride Week parades, and has become the Gay Lib "specialist" for The Village Voice. He looks gay, talks gay, dresses gay, writes gay - will go down in history as one of the Movement's founding fathers (an ironic term that!). Yet his ultimate estrangement with his lover is a direct result of political turmoil in GAA. Bell is now a celebrity, albeit a lonely one.

Are any of these styles worthy of emulation? Surely Forster's is out of the question, too ludicrous for the post-acid generation. Similarly, Miller's obsequiousness is now unthinkable: who wants to humble himself before self-styled pillars of ostensible social superiority or propriety? Yet Bell's obsession is probably not the answer. Burying yourself in one particular facet of your personality has inherent



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dangers. Provincialism is the most obvious threat. Many of my peers are hypocritical of the ubiquitous, Archie-Bunker-like American male who vegetates in front of his TV watching endless sporting events. munching on his plastic food. This Great Spectator can converse only about the latest swap of players or how so-andso made such-and-such a dazzling play last weekend. But I'm not at all sure that a totally committed gay activist would never become so narrow-minded. Some of the nation's most provincial people may

abide in Greenwich Village. Yet it's so easy to limit yourself to Movement people. To identify yourself with an emerging vocal minority and then live with the majority is inherently very difficult. People then expect things of you; they categorize you and attempt to reduce you to some common denominator; they see you as an abstraction (a Black, a Jew, a Lesbian) rather than as a particular individual. Consequently, our newly vocal individual becomes even more sensitive to his "difference" and perhaps more defensive. Take most black students at Williams, for example. The Afro-American Society becomes their entire life on campus: they eat together, socialize together, and live together. White students criticize them for failing to open "lines of communication" with the mainstream at Williams,

for totally sequestering themselves from the campus. The blacks retort that in so doing, the great mass would overpower and assimilate them and their subculture; they see their experience as unique - and fra-

Similarly with gays. To do your thing in a crowd that does its other own thing is tremendously difficult. An example may best illustrate the point. In any random group of males sitting, say, in the Snack Bar, appraisals of a particular female are always good fodder for conversation: someone says Jill at yonder booth is beautiful, another thinks she's a dog, another adds that his roommate is making time with her. Such is what sexist campus small talk is made of. But given that same setting and merely changing the first comment to be about a male student, you might just as well drop a small bomb in the group's midst - even though everyone there may be ultraliberal and may have grooved on everything the three people from GAA said last November in Jesup. Again the problem is one of abstraction versus nitty-gritty hard facts. In theory, the predominately heterosexual individual can agree with all a gay activist may profess: the end of oppression and discrimination, each person's right to the pursuit of his particular happiness, etc. In practice, however, that open-minded, truly sinlack of imagination. He simply is not and cannot (without great personal effort) be sensitized to the predominately homosexual student's needs, expectations, and thoughts. Consequently, the gay student dares not comment on the attractive male in yonder booth, and likewise fails to open up his "lines of communication" with his straight friends.

Yet I'm the first to agree that such

cere individual fails to follow through for ground work has to be done, that attitudes and practices have to change, that stereotypes and abstractions have to fall down before concrete examples and diversity.

The utopian society, which Forster, Miller, and Bell will never know, is, of course, the one where differentiation along lines of sexual orientation is no longer appropriate, where people can swing either way at random, where you don't have to be obsessed with either/or distinctions.

more tennis

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Simon, after easily winning the first set, rallied to capture the second from his foe in winning 6-0, 7-5. Dick Small again overpowered his opponent 6-3, 6-0. Jim Marver, moving up to number four because of Talbert's injury, had little trouble; demolishing his rival 6-2, 6-0. Charlie Kieler, playing outside, had a tough time before squeaking by in three long sets. Tom Koerner, in his first varsity match,

edged his Engineer rival 6-2, 7-6. In the doubles, Warner and Small snuck by Young and Maht in two close sets. At

two doubles. Simon and Marver, playing together for the first time, had a little trouble adjusting to each other, before winning 7-6, 6-0. Charlie Kieler and Tom Koerner, also playing together for the first time, were extended to three sets.

Since this M.I.T. team defeated Wesleyan 6-3, it would seem that the Ephs should be able to gain a leg on the Little Three title.

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Lee's 4-hitter splits pair with Bowdoin

by Tom Cesarz

Coach Bobby Coombs took his ballplayers up to his native state of Maine this past weekend, but the greeting he received was not too hospitable. The Ephmen were greeted on Friday by sub-freezing temperatures and a stubborn pack of Colby Mules. Colby's catcher Don Sheehy led his mates to an 8-2 victory over the visiting Ephs. Moving to Brunswick on Saturday, Williams fared a little better by splitting a doubleheader with Bowdoin. The Ephs took the opening game 4-3 behind a four hitter by Tom Lee but dumped the night-cap 7-6 in eight innings.

Friday's loss was another example of a big inning by the opposition hurting the Ephs. Unlike the Trinity game, however, Williams was not able to rally. Sophomore Ken Steinthal started and pitched excelient baseball until the fourth inning when the Polar Bears pushed across six runs on four hits and three walks. Despite the retief heroics of soph Ken Littleton, who allowed only one hit the rest of the way. the Ephmen could not make a dent in the 8-2 score. The Williams offensive attack, hampered by the biting cold, was led by first baseman Frank Jamison with three singles, and captain John Murray, who chipped in two singles.

On Saturday, lanky righthander Tom Liee cooled off the Bowdoin Polar Bears by going the route, giving up but four hits in gaining his second victory of the young season 4-3. Lee's brilliant pitching performance was ably backed up by the fine defensive play of his teammates. Tommy, who held Bowdoin scoreless until the sixth, helped himself by scoring the winning run on a sacrifice by Don Allison, Dick Scrocki and Mike Bangser contributed amply to the victory. Scrocki provided the biggest thrills by belting a triple, (rumored to be the first extra base hit of his Williams career), and by making a sensational shoestring catch in the ninth inning. Bangser, besides doing an excellent job behind the plate, broke out of a slump by contributing a run-producing single.

The second game of the doubleheader began with a burst of offensive power by the Ephmen. They pushed across three runs in the first, with the big blow a two run double by Tom Geissler. Starter John Dier unfortunately was unable to hold the Bowdoin batters in check as they tallied four runs in their half of the inning. After Bowdoin notched two more runs, Williams came back to tie the game at six in the sixth. Geissler contributed another rbi which along with Murray's sacrifice fly and some increased wildness by the Bowdoin thrower produced the deadlock. Shorty Coleman came in to pitch excellent relief until the first extra inning when Bowdoin scored the winning run on a sacrifice ly to center John Murray's fine throw

barely missed nabbing the runner at home.

Frank Jamison was the outstanding hitter of the trip with six hits in fourteen at-bats. The defensive play of the Ephmen also deserves acclamation. They committed only one error in the entire three-game series. Rich McKinney will have a

hard time fitting in the tight infield.

Meanwhile, back in the tropical weather of Williamstown, Al Hart's freshman baseballers were defeating Hotchkiss, 7-4. Lefty Pete Getzinger pitched excellently, striking out 12 prep schoolers before tiring in the seventh. Tom Villanova entered to strike out the final batter and end the game. The entire contest was marked by the sloppy defensive play of Hotchkiss who seemed to have trouble catching fly balls. Perhaps the aforementioned Mr. McKinney is a graduate of Hotchkiss.

points in the field events came on a second and third in the pole vault by Ron Eastman and Will Parish and a third by Mertz in the long jump.

On the track Williams made up most of the deficit but fell about one event short of what would have been a fabulous win. Captain Tom Cleaver and Mike Reed led the way with two victories apiece. Cleaver breezed to wins in the mile (4:03.9) and two-mile (9:58.7) - everyone anxious to see him perform when really pushed. The distance men came through with some crucial points by Pete Hyde third in the mile and Pete Farwell second in the two mile. Steve Reuman and Bill Holman looked terrific speeding to a 1-2 finish in the

Reed anchored the 440 relay which fell victim to some shaky baton passes and

ble on the way to substantial 64 and 53 stroke victories over MIT and North Adams State respectively. Robb Peterson traded clubs with Coach Goff to post a fine 72. Chief Cella and Fred Bradley followed Tyber with 79's while John Sutter came into the clubhouse with an 80. Sunday again saw the Taconic Course

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active as Springfield, AIC and UMass visited Williams for a quadrangular match. For the Ephs the match meant facing a UMass squad which had handed Williams one of its two defeats in the 1970-71 season. Although one does not speak of team play in the game of golf, the Williams victory was in all respects a team effort. Williams posted a team total of 479 while AIC placed second with a 514, UMass third at 519 and Springfield 520. The Williams victory saw no Williams player score lower than his opponent in medal play. John Sutter led the Eph charge with a 38 on the front nine and a 36 on the back side for a 74. Jim Tyber had 38-39 for 77; Chief Cella 38-42 for a 80. Kehoe, Peterson and Bradley likewise carded strong rounds. The team looks forward to continued success when they travel to face Colgate April 26.



Williams' first women's crew pivots their shell for the start of the 1000-meter race last Saturday. In the borrowed and heavy shell the squad lost to Vespers and Radcliffe, barely trailed M.I.T. and Conn. and beat W.P.I. by two lengths. Rowing for the Purple are (fore to aft): stroke Janet Milne, Lee Nash, Becky Fernald, Katie Guthorn, Chris Moore, Mary Schendel, Ellen Anderson and Lynel Horne. Cox Helen Kelley, unseen, is barking or-photo by Pep

Lester shreds Eph records in discus, javelin, shot

by Pete Farwell

The Williams track team came up with its best effort of the season but fell to a powerful Southern Connecticut squad that had the Ephs outnumbered in the field events where they lost 18 points despite a sensational performance by Tom Lester. The hefty weightman chalked up firsts in the javelin and discus with record distances of 203'8" and 161' one-half inches (up from his previous 172'7" and 157'4") respectively. He also took a second in the shot put with his third college record of 50'9" (from his 44'2").

Not about to lose the spotlight Pete Mertz, rising above a sore muscle, soared to another college record in the triple jump with 45'7 and three-quarters inches (his previous best being 42' and one-half inches) which still took only second place, a scant 1 and one-quarter inches behind winner Shelton of Southern Conn. Mertz captured his customary first in the high jump (6'2") with Jack Hiler returning to the team, to take third. Lack of depth hurt Williams, however, as their only other

lost to Southern Conn.'s best squad. But Mike was successful in the 120 high hurdles in 15.7 with Pete Johnson a close second, and in the 440 intermediate hurdles in 58.3. To finish off the exhausting day's work Reed anchored the mile relay that won in 3:34.8 highlighted by Jeff Elliott's opening leg that gave the Ephs a 20-yard lead. Stan Fri and Dave McCormick ran their best legs as well.

Wes Durham lost a close decision in both the 100 and the 220 in good times of 10.4 and 23.2. Lack of depth showed most apparently in the quarter mile where only one entry could be found; Stan Fri managed only a third in that event.

Nevertheless it was a great improvement over last year's 125-28 shellacking. An inch or two or a tenth of a second in any one of several events could have turned the decision around by moving a Williams' man from third to second or second to first, either of which solves the four-point difference.

The next meet, against Trinity on Tuesday, should allow the Ephs to regain their winning momentum which they hope to continue through the Little Three meet, with some even better individual and team performances.

Golfers glide through opposition, run record to 7-1

by Joe LaPaglia

A strong Williams College golf team ran its won-lost record to 7 and 1 in a busy week of match play brought about by a late arriving spring season. After a narrow six-stroke defeat at the hands of the Harvard Crimson, the Ephs have fulfilled pre-season optimism in rallying for six consecutive victories - each in convincing style.

The Ephs opened the week Wednesday, April 19 by travelling to face Trinity in a dual match. Playing on a short narrow public course, the Ephs took the match 5-2 as only Fran Doran and Jim Bradley were defeated each by the score of 2 and 1. John Sutter led the victory for the Ephs with an impressive 73. Down by one hole after six, Sutter dominated the back nine to win easily five and four. Jim Tyber followed Sutter's 73 with 79 while the remainder of the team followed suit with scores in the low 80's.

In the first home match on the Taconic course, Coach Goff's squad had little trou-

Tennis team tramples Army, M.I.T.

by Sam Bronfman

The Varsity Tennis team broke into the win column with an 8-1 trouncing of Army and then proceeded to even their dual match record to 2-2 with an impressive 8-1 victory over M.I.T. Displaying good depth as always, the Ephmen got some help from the top two members of the squad.

Playing at number one, Chris Warner was finally able to get his strong serve and volley game going in defeating Army's Ray Federici. Warner's return of serve, suspect in earlier matches, was low, hard, and excellent. Bill Simon also won his first match of the year by defeating Bill Koch 6-4, 6-2. Koch, a freshman, was unable to cope with Simon's great serve return and effective lobs. Dick Small, who is undefeated for the year, had some first set problems, before crunching John Burkley 2-6, 6-3, 6-0. Small's devastating serve and powerful volley proved too much for the outmanned cadet. Peter Talbert was leading Mike Prewitt 6-3, 4-2., when he tore a hamstring. Though he gamely stayed on the court, Mike Prewitt was able to take advantage of the limping Ephman and win 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Jim Marver, who is also undefeated on the season, easily defeated Mark Griffith. Playing at number six, Charlie Kieler evened his personal match record by edging Terry Crochatt.

In the doubles, all three teams had relatively easy matches. Warner and Small edged Federici and Koch, Simon and Tabert slid by Terry Brown and Griffith, while Marver and Kieler beat Prewitt and Burkley.

Against M.I.T., Warner ran into one of the best players in collegiate east coast tennis. John Young, a sophomore, has beautiful strokes, a fine serve, and totally destructive net game. Warner did well to lose only 6-2, 7-6. From there on in, it was all Williams. Sweeping the last five singles matches, though marred by the loss of Talbert, the Ephs lost only one set. Bil

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Sloane's summer court

Tennis coach Sean Sloane will be head coach at the Rod Laver tennis academy in Mount Washington, N. H., during July and August. Sloane, who succeeded Clarence Chaffee as tennis and squash coach two years ago, will be in charge of eight instructors at the academy.

Laver will be active in the program for two weeks and the veteran Roy Emerson will be present as an adviser for six weeks. The purpose of the academy is to provide high-grade instruction for 60 adults during each of eight one-week session.

Sloane will take over his summer as-

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The women's crew breaks for lunch after morning practice. Among those munching Baxter specials can be discerned Coach George Marcus.

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