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Who shall grade the grades?

by Monica Sheehan

The College Council's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC), formed last spring, has recently decided to investigate the grading system at Williams.

Rusty Day, LRPC chairman, states; "The decision to investigate one issue evolved as an attempt to devise a policy which can become institutionalized and remain relevant over a long period of time. All five LRPC members have been assigned to research areas associated with the grading issue, so the work should progress quite steadily. However, the LRPC is only authorized to work until February when a new Council is selected—and whatever we decide to look into now is not binding upon the next Committee."

Day hopes that by February the Committee will have amassed sufficient data to justify the continuation of the grading investigation under the new Council. Bart Brown will research "external statistics" which entails comparing Williams to other schools in a national context (i.e.: various grading systems, graduate school acceptance rates, etc.). Peter Nelson and John Abbott will be working on "internal statistics" with David Booth, the associate provost in charge of statistical studies such as course evaluations, grade averages, etc. Robert Lee will be researching admissions procedures and evaluating their affect upon the grade inflation.

Grading has recently become a controversial issue at Williams. Should grades be abolished, or do they serve a valid purpose? Rusty mentioned that, "There are some professors who would happily abolish letter grades because they have little or no pedagogical value." The overwhelming argument in favor of grades is that they are presently used to nationally certify a student for graduate school. As a result, the LRPC will probably have to recommend a new grading system in addition to proposing the abolishment of the old system. This fusion of the students' viewpoint with administrative ideas could transform the LRPC into one of the most productive committees on campus. Before any proposals are made, however, the present system must be proved inadequate: and the grade inflation controversy appears to be the focal point of the LRPC's investigation. Day summarizes this issue as follows:

"Every year since 1958 grades on campus have gone up. The present grade point average is 8.03, which is better than a "B". If a graduate school sees that our GPA has increased to such an extent, it may decide to weigh our grades less. In other words, a Williams student's "B" would be directly proportional to everyone else's "C". But we don't know where we stand in comparison to other schools, and this is the type of thing that we propose to investigate.

"Interpretation of the collected data will also play an important role in the LRPC's activities. If other colleges have a lower GPA than Williams, does this mean that they have students of lesser ability? If they have a higher GPA, how does this affect a Williams student's bid for graduate school? Do graduate schools weigh GPA's according to the calibre of the institution, or are GPA's taken at face value?"

Thus the Student Council's Long Range Planning Committee has quite a bit of work to do before its February deadline. Should its data indicate the need for revised grading and should the succeeding Council elect to continue the LRPC, then a grading system beneficial to both students and faculty may be developed. But Day pessimistically stated that, "It may be two years before a recommendation will be made if it is decided that a historical study of grade trends and development is necessary for an effective evaluation." □

The guy who plays at go-between

by Corrie Mason

Frank Smith can often be found sitting in a small room in Baxter. He is the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman, according to Smith, is an extension of the Student Affairs Office approved last February by the College Council. Although the office was set up as a complaint center, "generally, as could have been expected, the students used the office for informational purposes," Smith added.

"The major complaint registered last year," he continued, "was about the college policy on resident dogs. Previously freshmen were not allowed to have dogs in their dorms. However, enough freshmen made complaints about the rule against freshmen mascots that I sent the complaint to the College Council for their consideration."

The Council voted on the issue and decided to send a recommendation to Dean Crider asking that freshmen be allowed to have dogs and that no fines be imposed on "illegal" dogs.

"We recommended that there be no fine," said Frank, "because the fines were so nominal that most people could afford to pay the fines over and over again if need be. We saw that the fines were accomplishing nothing, so instead we suggested that the owner of an "illegal" dog be given a warning, and after about two weeks time the dog would be put in the pound."

Crider agreed to letting freshmen have dogs in the dorms, but decided that fines could be imposed if the dogs were "illegal".

"The Ombudsman and the Council," Smith added, "can only make recommendations to Crider. If Crider decides to revoke the law, the Ombudsman can only submit its ideas to the Council which could then try sending another recommendation to Crider."

The Western Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group, WMPIRG, was another contributor to the complaint office last year. "WMPIRG," Smith said, "wanted to put a request for funds on the term bill so that they didn't have to spend a whole term collecting the money they need." However, former President Sawyer and some of the trustees did not like the idea much, Scott Canedy, President of WMPIRG, thought it better to wait until President Chandler was in office to bring the idea up again.

"The Ombudsman," said Smith, "has been operating for about a week this year between the hours of 3 to 4:30 and 9 to 11 p.m. every weekday. The usual questions for information about Williams concerning locations, concerts, etc. have been asked. "So far," Smith continued, "the complaints have been centered around the food and the restrictive ID policy in the cafeterias." Whether action will be taken on either of these issues remains to be seen.

"This February," Smith said, "the College Council will decide whether or not the Ombudsman should be continued for another year. I certainly expect, and will recommend, that it be reinstated." □

Chandler inducted on festive weekend

by Steve Bosworth

President John W. Chandler

The induction of John W. Chandler as twelfth president of Williams College proceeded last weekend with elegance and considerable festivity. From the Saturday evening Induction Concert to the Sunday afternoon reception in the Elm Tree House on Mt. Hope Farm, the College celebrated Chandler's new administration in the knowledge that inaugurations do not occur on a predictable four year basis at most small, liberal arts colleges.

The central event of the weekend was the induction ceremony itself, held in Chapin Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Much to the chagrin of anxious bettors of the Green Mountain Race Track, and to the delight of appreciative crowds, the academic procession, in which marched the senior class, the faculty, the trustees and delegates from other institutions of higher learning throughout the northeast, wound its way across Route 2 from its point of origin in front of the Thompson Chapel, up the steps in front of West College through the inspiring Hopkins Gate (the cause of universal philosophic observations on the part of the participating seniors), across Route 2 again to be reviewed by the President himself, and finally into Chapin Hall.

Under the dying echoes of brass fanfares written especially for the occasion by Prof. Robert G. Barrow, the induction commenced with greetings from various campus interest groups, Hamilton College, and President Emeritus John E. Sawyer.

Robert John Geniesse, speaking for the Alumni, noted the non-alumnus status of Chandler but assured his listeners that Chandler was "every bit the equivalent of a Williams alumnus" because the Society had proclaimed Chandler an honorary alumnus of the Class of 1945 earlier this year.

Prof. S. Lane Faison Jr., Richard Couper from Hamilton, and Sawyer himself continued the traditional greetings. Faison extended greetings to Chandler from the faculty, expressing the respect that Chandler's previous stint at Williams generated in those faculty members who were around then. Couper commented on the "return of the native" aspect of Chandler's Williams presidency and speculated on whether ideas traveled from east to west or vice versa. (Hamilton being in the west, Williams in the East.) Finally, Sawyer speculated on the proper function of a retired president and was content to merely wish Chandler the best of luck despite the obvious changes in the campus environment—like large holes between the library and Chapin and pubs on Spring Street.

The symbolic height of the afternoon was reached when Talcott M. Banks Jr., senior trustee, instructed Sawyer to turn over the key and charter of Williams to the new president. A joyous Alleluia by the Choral Society punctuated the immediate aftermath of this ceremony.

Sawyer Library

Chandler began his speech with the hardly surprising announcement that the new library would be named after John E. Sawyer, eleventh president of Williams College, at which Sawyer was visibly moved.

Chandler devoted most of his address to the recurring problems that haunt presidents of liberal arts institutions in this age of technological innovation, although he first speculated on the advisability of compulsory breakfast for students with 8:00 a.m. classes—to stay off the deleterious effects of hunger on the brain.

Chandler moved into the world of the "post industrial state" and the new technocratic world order that has become increasingly complex. He cited America's loss of the "illusion of innocence" as the major development in American life over the last twenty years and deduced from this fact the necessity of a "healthy skepticism" that would constantly challenge commonplace notions.

While admitting that the emergence of new technological tools, such as computers, drastically altered the structure and scale of knowledge, stressing theoretical aspects over empirical, Chandler felt that the liberal arts experience still had much to offer the modern world. The College should identify and nurture intellects of promise, he said, for the liberal arts experience should, first of all, ground the individual in a competent "critical intelligence." And while Chandler stressed the necessity of more theoretical involvement on the part of all students, he saw the liberal arts avenue as an excellent way of achieving just that capacity. Diversity within the student body was cited by Chandler as a prime criterian for this process.

Basically, Chandler committed Williams to the traditional liberal arts goals, but he urged faculty and students to be aware of the demands of the age in terms of sheer knowledge required to operate successfully. He noted that even a Ph.D. is no longer necessarily a sure way to assure oneself of a decent career. Chandler emphasized the role of the sciences in the liberal arts situation and the necessity for the typical Williams student to have more intimate contact with them.

Immediately after the Induction, the faculty and guests travelled to the Elm Tree House at Mt. Hope Farm for a gala reception. Delighted by the delicate cuisine created by the Food Services, and the melifluous tones of the Ephlats, the participants toasted in the era of Chandler. And thus the curtain of night fell on a weekend of pomp and tradition, dictated by the rare circumstance of a president's induction. □

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The induction speech

The emphasis in John Chandler's induction speech is clear: Williams must grow and change in concert with what, in Chandler's words, "is variously called the technocratic age, the knowledge society, or the post-industrial society."

Chandler's speech attempted to define the role which Williams will play in that society. His emphasis on knowledge—particularly scientific knowledge—is rightly placed. Williams, as a center of research and scholarship, is committed to both expanding knowledge and dispersing it to as many students as possible.

But the new President challenged Williams to play a much larger role in society, and his administration will be judged by how well the institution responds to his challenge. If Williams graduates can play leading roles in public policies and issues such as welfare, land use, and education—as Chandler hopes they can—then Williams will have served its purpose. If the College, and its graduates, are unable forcibly to affect and develop a clear social conscience; if they are unable to step into the future because they are tied to outdated motivations of past eras, then Mr. Chandler's challenge will go unanswered.

Chandler's speech betrayed his background in theology; the mission of Williams is not dissimilar to that of religious leaders of other times and other places. The mission is to make society more human. Humanity is sensitivity—a sensitivity to people, environment, social concerns; a sensitivity which must set Williams apart as a place where the best instincts in man flourish. And a liberal arts institution is sensitive only if its men and women cherish intellectual discovery as a means to discover both the tragedies of man's past and his potential for the future.

This sensitivity must be tempered with objectivity, Chandler noted; Williams men and women must be able to work with "large scale systems of interrelated information" which often spell out society's problems. His emphasis on scientific knowledge is a natural result of his valid presumption that men can affect social change only with a knowledge of what is now and what has come before. It is the duty of the professor in a liberal arts college, then, to provide that knowledge—the basis for social change—to the student.

The induction speech referred only briefly to any of the current problems of this college. It attempted to define the spirit of Williams, and its place in the liberal arts and in the liberal society. Spirit and a sense of mission are John Chandler's trademarks; now he begins the arduous task of instilling this community with that spirit and that sense of mission. Coming years will show whether other members of this community share his conception of a liberal arts education. At the veryleast, we hope that education at this College remains a humanist endeavor, one which promotes the best in man with full knowledge of his limitations. To provide men and women with "a high order of conceptual power, taste, and judgment" is a noble goal.

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Go East, young senior

Seniors who are interested in teaching in Japan next year are encouraged to attend a meeting at the Office of Career Counseling on Thursday, October 11 at 4 P.M. There will be two positions available to teach English at the Cook School in Osaka, Japan.

New CES hours

The Center for Environmental Studies in Park Hall has assigned new hours for its library: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.; Fri. 8:30 - 4:30; closed Sat.; Sun. 1:00 - 11:00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Canedy responds

To the editors:

Because the correspondence of Drake S. Tempest, Jeff Jacobs, and Gilman D. Parsons responding to your editorial "The Stature of WMPIRG" is so completely riddled with distortions and fallacious contentions, it is indeed difficult to offer a complete rebuttal.

A year and a half ago students supporting the concept of the Public Interest Research Group petitioned the Williams student body asking for recognition and for a $4 per year fee to be added directly to the College term bill. After much debate, close to 70 per cent of the students supported that petition effort. The reasoning of my colleagues and myself was that if a majority of the students requested that this fee be added to the term bill and if provisions were made to protect the rights of the minority (be negative check-off or direct refund), then the PIRG should be established and funded here at Williams. However, the previous administration of this college insisted on a compromise (a separate WMPIRG bill enclosed with the term bill) which we reluctantly accepted. The present system is confusing, and it does not effectively solicit the financial support which Williams students have been willing to give.

Last year to continue the funding system by gaining the financial support of 50 per cent of the students, we initiated a door to door campaign. Such an effort is extremely time consuming; it requires a tremendous amount of energy; and it is extremely demoralizing for the students who are interested in but frustrated from undertaking those types of projects which we promised the students WMPIRG would direct. We received contributions from slightly over 50 per cent of the students only because we terminated our campaign at that point. On the basis of our estimates, of all of the students approached last year, three of every four paid.

In regard to Mr. Tempest's charge of political activism, I would point out that his use of the word "political" goes undefined. WMPIRG is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a non-profit, non-partisan organization according to Section 501 C3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

WMPIRG does not receive an endorsement, direct or implicit, from the bill enclosure any more than it would from a separate fee on the term bill. The WMPIRG fee is directly on the term bill at the University of Massachusetts. Yet, at no point in the first year of the existence of WMPIRG was the University (or Williams) recognized as a participant in or supporter of any WMPIRG actions.

Despite Mr. Tempest's argument to the contrary, WMPIRG is not the only campus organization "allowed" to enclose an appeal with the term bill. I would be the first to defend the right of any other campus group to be funded likewise if it can command the continued democratic support which WMPIRG has received.

Finally, when these three gentlemen suggest the obstruction of the will of a clear majority of the Williams students even though their own rights as a minority are protected because of the structure of the system, can we not conclude that their opinions exhibit an ultimate arrogance?

Scott H. Canedy '74
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WMPIRG at Williams

Public interest

To the editors:

This is in reply to the several letters in the Oct. 5 **ReAd** concerning the WMPIRG funding mechanism, about which several points need clarification.

1) Under the current system a card is enclosed with the term bill sent to **parents**, which asks that the **student** either send along a $4.00 contribution or return the card noting a refusal to pay. Although only 15 per cent paid with their term bill, the number refusing to contribute was only twenty, or 1 per cent. This indicates not a rejection of WMPIRG by the college community but: a large number of parents throwing out the cards without their being seen by the students; much confusion over the funding mechanism, which has been poorly publicized; and a lack of knowledge about WMPIRG's goals and recent projects, especially of course among freshpersons.

2) The WMPIRG constitution contains an automatic self-destruct mechanism: if 50 per cent of the student body fails to contribute during any year, the term bill checkoff is ended and the local chapter in effect passes out of existence. Last year's door to door effort was confined to Winter Study for the most part. When the 50 per cent mark was reached, which occurred after only 2/3 of the students had been contacted, it was decided to end the arduous collection process and concentrate the members' efforts on on-going projects. To continue solicitation through the second semester would have transformed WMPIRG into nothing more than a collection agency.

3) WMPIRG makes no claim to be an unimpeachable incarnation of that great beast known as the public interest. Anyone who is confused as to WMPIRG's goals or methods, or who desires to know more about its projects, need only read the **ReAd**, our newsletters, listen to WCFM (WMPIRG Reports, Thursdays at 6:00), or stop by the office in Baxter Hall.

For the record, WMPIRG activities in the past year have included:—a prescription drug price survey revealing wide discrepancies from store to store and a general unwillingness among pharmacists to disclose their prices. This resulted in legislation requiring price posting now before the Legislature.

—a suit concerning a rate increase request by W. Mass. Electric Co. challenge the rate-setting procedures in this state. As a result WMECO's increase was cut by 2/3, and WMPIRG's proposed reforms of the rate-setting process were incorporated into Gov. Sargeant's reorganization package.

—action on unsafe (often illegal) toys being sold in area stores.

—publication of a booklet on small claims courts, and establishment of training sessions and advisory centers for citizens.

—a survey of sales of flammable children's nightware, which contributed to a banning of flammable nightclothing by the Legislature.

—a federal court suit against a proposed W. New England super-highway resulting in a decision requiring the concerned highway departments to consider the environmental impact of the entire highway, not just of isolated segments.

4) Finally: that definition of politics which includes WMPIRG as a political organization—not of support of particular candidates but of the processes by which institutional and informal, physical and moral, ideational and philosophic power is contested and distributed in human societies—also includes the Williams Action Coalition, all of the campus religious organizations, and such partisan groups as the Young Republicans and last year's McGovernites as political in nature. The fact that college facilities have been made available to each of these organizations hardly constitutes endorsements of any of them by Williams College. Due to the unique nature of WMPIRG's funding needs because of its professional staff, it has requested the use of a college facility which the others do not require: the term bill funding mechanism (although these other groups would of course have an equal right to use it). The atypical nature of this request in itself is not a valid excuse for denying WMPIRG the use of this method, nor does it necessarily constitute approval by Williams any more than other uses of college facilities would indicate approval.

An automatic funding by term bill inclusion (with refunds made to any and all who desire not to participate in WMPIRG) is therefore well within the existing limits of college policy, and this writer fully supports the position taken in the Oct. 2 **ReAd** editorial. It is furthermore hoped that the students of Williams will continue to contribute to WMPIRG as they have in the past year, both in money and time. Your support of this year's projects, (including area land use problems, small claims courts, the morning-after pill, sexism in grammar school texts, more highway research, air and noise pollution, mass transit, truth in lending, and auto repairs) is vital to the continued existence of WMPIRG as an alternative method of producing constructive change within our democratic system.

Ron Lanoue '76
WMPIRG member

The who, where, why of Williams

by Paul Gismondi

A fairly large crowd gathered in the living room of Spencer House last Tuesday night to participate in a discussion on the admissions policies at Williams College, on "Who Gets Here and Why They Do." Now that the workload is shifting into high gear, it seemed as though many people, most of whom were freshmen, came to see where they stood and how they compared to the archetypal "median student."

Few persons were surprised at the answers to these two questions. Some people who come here were "nice," jockey, and semi-intellectual, and they got here because that is exactly the type of student that Williams seeks.

The panel consisted of Philip G. Wick of the admissions department, Maurice Filler, the college guidance counselor at Mt. Greylock Regional High School, and Prof. David Booth, the assistant Provost (whose job includes compiling computerized statistics on the people who come to Williams College).

The discussion began with Wick giving a basic idea of what Williams is: an academic institution in the liberal arts tradition with very high standards, a residential college with strong interpersonal relationships between its students, a social and extra-curricular orientated campus with emphasis placed on activities and service, an independent institution which relies heavily on gifts from its benefactors. This description served as the basis for the answers to most of the groups' questions.

Wick then went on to state that there were three classes of people who did **not** get into Williams: those who did not perform academically, those who performed **only** academically, and those who did not apply. This seemed to correlate well with the "group of well-rounded individuals" idea.

Booth began by giving a deeper profile of Williams. He noted that the students who come here were middle and upper class people preparing to enter middle and upper class roles. Williams is a stopping point, a connection on their route. They are mostly from the Middle Atlantic and New England states, and are elite with respect to the population as a whole, second perhaps to places like Amherst and Harvard. This is a school that loses many—about 55 per cent—of the best people accepted to those other schools. This fact stirred quite a bit of indignation on the part of the students present.

The discussion centered around several key topics, one of the most prevalent being the group just mentioned, those persons who are accepted at Williams but who go to other schools. The schools which they do go to are not other small, elite liberal arts colleges like Kenyon or Oberlin but are big name Eastern schools with Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Dartmouth being the most common. The most convincing reason for this phenomenon was given by Booth who felt that when a person makes a decision to go to any college he really doesn't know who he is or what he wants or how well the college is suited to his own personal need, and consequently he chooses a school because of its reputation: hence Williams loses people to Harvard because the latter has a bigger name but Williams gets people from Bowdoin because Williams has a bigger name.

The number of people from prep schools as opposed to high schools was brought up and the statistics were not so alarming. A few years ago Williams accepted something like 60 per cent of its students from prep schools but the number has progressively decreased (a trend in most all major Eastern schools) to about 30 per cent, 20 per cent of whom were day students and 15 per cent boarding students. Another reason given for the decline in "preppies" was that only 2 per cent of the high school students in America attend prep schools, and of that 2 per cent Williams undoubtedly looses quite a few of the very best to the big name Ivy League schools. So Williams has therefore turned to recruiting its people from suburban high schools where it can get the high quality students it wants.

Since Williams depends heavily on alumni gifts, the number of alumni children it accepts is around 40 per cent of those applying with these people comprising about 12 per cent of the student population. Although alumni offsprings' chances are "appreciably better," all other factors being equal, this does not hold true for relations such as nephews or cousins or great-grandchildren.

The area of the country which a prospective student comes from and the number of people who applied from his high school is also important. Since most of the applicant pool comes from the Northeast, living any place other than the Northeast increases one's chances. Also, if there are quite a few people applying from an applicant's school, the admissions department looks at the group as a whole and tries to pick the best people from that group.

There was quite a debate on Williams' policy of preference to those people in fields presently undersubscribed. If someone indicates a preference for a major in Physics, for example, his chances of getting in are better than if he had said economics. Berek felt that the reasoning behind this was twofold. First he noted that when Williams has beautiful and expensive equipment and professors who need people to teach, the school has to find the people. Also there is the trend of people very often leaving the sciences to pursue a major in the humanities while there is no such trend in the opposite direction.

Another topic of debate was the discrimination against people with primarily academic concerns in favor of those who are "well-rounded," coupled with the question of where one draws the line between these two groups. The question was never really answered, but it is a fact that the college prefers the latter group. The so-called "10 per cent plan" is that process by which ten per cent of each entering class is admitted despite the fact that they may not be too strong academically but who do have a wide range of interests outside of school and who are very good in these outside fields.

The reason that Williams has such an "outstandingly nice" group of people here seems to stem from the fact that most professors prefer quiet people to loud ideosyncratic ones who are going to cause them a lot of trouble. Although some of the professors present disagreed with that assertion it seems as though there will be nice people at Williams for a long time to come.

Around 75 per cent of the men at Williams have earned at least one varsity letter in high school, but they also performed academically. Some of them were recruited because of athletics but usually it was the school's jock reputation and their desire for a quality education which led them here.

Like the jocks, Williams also recruits exceptional ethnic minority people. Here again the number is small and the percentage of blacks on the campus is about 6 per cent, considerably lower than the 9-10 per cent at other Ivy schools.

Twenty-eight per cent of the students at Williams receive some sort of financial aid and the average is about $2,000 apiece (around $1 million a year total—somewhere near 9 per cent of the college budget). The admission decisions and the financial aid decisions are made separately, but obviously the line must be drawn somewhere since the college just doesn't have the funds to support every student here. Again these figures are pretty well in keeping with those of other schools, especially Amherst. □

Preliminary Data—Class of 1977

as of May 25, 1973

Number of preliminary applications	6702
Number of completed applications	4145
Number of interviews in Williamstown	3757
Number of schools visited during year	322
Number of applicants accepted	883
Number of entering freshmen	482
Number of students entering from high schools	312
Number of high schools represented	245
Percentage of high school students	65%
Number entering from independent day schools	110
Percentage entering from independent day schools	23%
Number of independent day schools represented	87
Number entering from independent boarding schools	60
Percentage entering from independent boarding schools	12%
Number of independent boarding schools represented	37
Number entering with Williams financial aid	130
Percentage entering with Williams financial aid	27%
Number of schools with candidates	1615
Number of schools represented in Class	369
Number of States, Countries represented	39

Victor Garrivier as Harpagnon, the miser, in a scene from Moliere's comedy, "L'Avare", to be performed tonite by the French Theatre Company, Le Treteau de Paris, at the Adams Memorial Theatre.

Reflections

MIXED BLESSINGS

Reverend Eusden and John Wesley Chandler didn't know it, but they were pretty shrewd in selecting October 7 for the induction. The Fall Foliage Festival is no guarantee for good weather, but the Jewish holidays are. Wars might start in Israel, but it never rains on Yom Kippur in America. Well, hardly ever.

Enough people of Williamstown atoned Saturday so that the weather remained vigorously autumnul Sunday. Fall foliage watchers crowded route 2, seeing Harvard Crimson, Columbia blue, Princeton orange, and other academic regalia colors as powerful as those of the autumn leaves. In front of the faculty moved an uneven flock in black, seniors in a fall preview of their June graduation robes, balancing mortars and wishing Williams had opted for the more debonair hats of the Yale Corporation.

The Coronation combined a New England parade with the marvelously self-indulgent rites of college royalty. Professors attend the costume party because it's in their contract, other college presidents attend because they want reciprocal attendance at their revels. Students attend because it's a novelty and they can't quite believe that the sheriff of Berkshire County wears tails and terminates the interminable with the pledge, "God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

And someone leaves the party with gifts. This year there were two big ones. Chandler got a presidency, and Sawyer got a library. Both seem mixed blessings, especially the library. Somehow one suspects that whatever side of the library site fence one sat on last spring, he'll think that no name other than Sawyer's will belong on the edifice. Perhaps someday Williams will have a Chandler Pavilion . . .

But what pomp! and what circumstances! A speaker recommended to the new president that he maintain "manners proper to the profession," and Sunday's show was properly suited to the occasion. Enough parables, gentle, learned jokes and jibes, and heartfelt alleluias to last at least an academic year, maybe it was enough to last an administration. The twelfth president was inducted with the invocation of holy spirits. Perhaps the thirteenth will be inducted at a black mass. □

Lettuce and grapes and Gallo wine

by Ellen Oxfeld

A meeting attended by townspeople and college students was held Sunday night in the Congregational Church for the purpose of providing information about, and planning local activities in support of, the United Farmworkers Union.

A group of Williams students plans to contribute to local efforts on behalf of the Union by checking the lettuce ordered by the Food Services at the College. They will also ask Food Services to buy only union lettuce.

The union, which was formed in 1963 by Cesar Chavez, is now trying to gain recognition from the growers. Charles March, an organizer for the union from the Mt. Holyoke area, briefly explained the Union's history. He said that some growers had signed with the Union in 1970 after the grape boycott had resulted in the loss of several million dollars. Meanwhile, there were rumblings from farmworkers in the lettuce industry. The growers signed a contract with the Teamsters' Union which put the fieldworkers under teamster jurisdiction. Leaders of the Farmworkers' Union petitioned for an election to determine who should represent the farmworkers, for they felt that although the growers had signed a contract with the Teamsters' Union, the teamsters had never really been chosen by the fieldworkers themselves to be their representatives in collective bargaining.

When the growers refused this election 9,000 lettuce fieldworkers went out on strike in the largest agricultural strike in the history of the United States. They went back to work three weeks later but had to sign a teamster authorization card to be allowed to work again. One of the Union's problems which this episode pointed out is that agricultural workers are not covered (as industrial workers are) in federal legislation providing for union elections. Farmworkers are also excluded from unemployment insurance and minimum wage legislation.

In the lettuce industry and in the parts of the grape industry which have not yet recognized the Union, a major weapon is the consumer boycott. Thus all non-union grapes and lettuce and also Gallo wine are now the target of consumers who wish to put pressure on the growers to recognize the Farmworkers' Union. The only brand of lettuce which is union is Interharvest.

In addition to the boycott, the Union representatives met with the heads of the large chain stores to try and convince them to buy only union lettuce and grapes. This has been a very successful strategy in the Boston area.

In this area, the major chain which will be pressured is the Adams Supermarket chain, which has several stores in Western Massachusetts. □

The college corps of crimefighters

by Ellen O'Donnell

"We're looking forward to a very good year, with student cooperation," said Director of Security Walter C. O'Brien on the subject of the security outlook for Williams students this year. "Of course, I'm keeping my fingers crossed." He added that students could play a large part in the curtailment of crime on campus by proper preventive measures, and remembering that "Security exists to help them as well—ticketing, believe it or not, is one of our smallest jobs."

O'Brien confirmed rumors that the number one security problem on campus is thefts from student rooms. A most obvious but neglected prevention, he said, has been consistent locking of student rooms. Thefts have been committed while students had stepped out or into the shower for "just a minute," and frequently when a student has gone to sleep without locking his door.

O'Brien emphasized the value of engraving one's Social Security (or driver's license) number on property, which discourages thefts and improves chances of recovering and identifying stolen articles. Electric engraving pencils are available for student use from the Security Office.

Bicycle thefts are the second largest problem. O'Brien recommended registration with the Williamstown police (a town ordinance) and locking the bike unfailingly to a sturdy object.

Parking ticket paranoia may spread to bicycle owners this year as Security institutes a similar procedure for unlocked cycles. These tickets, however, will be but "friendly warnings that the bicycle is easy prey."

Students can also help to improve the security situation by noting strangers on the premises, said O'Brien. His advice: "Don't hesitate to confront a stranger and inquire if you can be of assistance to him, by way of learning whether he has a legitimate reason for being in the building. If there's any doubt, the Office will be glad to check him out."

Outside of thefts, O'Brien expects a minimal amount of crime of other types this year. The crime rate at the College compares favorably to the surrounding area, and "extremely favorably with urban areas and urban colleges."

Coeducation, said O'Brien, had not significantly affected College Security procedures, (there have been three cases of assault) except for increased lighting and routine building inspections, "which, in many cases, have become more discreet."

O'Brien mentioned recent complaints of annoyance phone calls, and advised that anyone "nuisanced" may request tapping, in writing, from the Telephone Company. □

Football trip planned for Middlebury

If you are slowly finding yourself overcome by a case of the mid-October doldrums and in search of a "different" way to spend an autumn afternoon, your bandwagon, chariot, or whatever is on the way. For the first time in over four years a caravan is being organized to escort any Eph football fan interested in seeing the Williams-Middlebury football game this Saturday, Oct. 13. Whether you are an avid spectator or just looking to catch the autumn colors along Route 7, male or female, young or old, you are welcome.

Plans call for the buses to leave from the front of Chapin Hall at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning and to arrive back at Williamstown that evening by 7 p.m. at the latest. Typical refreshments of beer (and cups) in unlimited quantity will be available on the buses during both legs of the ride. The entire package deal costs $7 and tickets can be obtained by calling or seeing Bob Pierce '75, Carter House.

Mention should be made of the fact that those intending to travel in a group might plan to get together to have one person pick up tickets. Entries, floors, and entire houses are especially invited along with any one individual interested. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday evening to assure the seats wanted.

So instead of looking for the doings and nondoings during a usual away football weekend, plan to take a trip off campus. Road-tripping is a Williams tradition. □

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The remaining time elapsed uneventfully, and when the final gun sounded, Rochester has avenged last year's 3-0 loss to the Ephs. Final score: Rochester 21, Williams 7.

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object at right defensive tackle, obviously weakened the Purple defense, and McMillan's lacklustre performance, though partially attributable to an injured forearm, still left a lot to be desired. But, these cannot be used as legitimate excuses for Saturday's loss; the Ephs had their scoring opportunities, they just were unable to take advantage of them.

Football games are not won very often by a team that scores only seven points, or fifteen, for that matter. Williams must begin to generate some offense. Junior halfback Rod Geier ran impressively, picking up 62 yards in 12 carries. Baldwin was superb in his varsity debut, running for 50 yards in 7 attempts and completing 10 of 20 passes for 115 yards—all in a shade more than a half. Skip March and McMillan, although neither had a very good day on Saturday, proved that they could run for solid yardage last week against Trinity. But, the offense is still a long way from putting it together. With highly-touted Middlebury coming up this weekend, the Ephs do not have a great deal of time to gather their forces. □

Art design goes extra-curricular

by Beth Bogart

The Art Design Department, reflecting the increasing interest of students in studio art, is offering an extra-curricular experimental design course this semester.

The new course, attended by twenty-one students, is taught by a sculptor from California and will augment the program of other non-credit studio art courses instituted over the past several years. These include life-drawing and pottery.

Unlike the previous student-organized extracurricular art courses, the experimental design course is sponsored by the Design Department and is funded by the administration. The course is intended to keep interested students active in art, especially freshmen who are not eligible for any credit design courses.

The non-credit design class alleviates some of the demand on the Design Department which is trying to limit enrollment to "more serious students."

Although the department has increased its faculty from one professor to four in the past six years, the number of interested students has "doubled and doubled" according to Lee Hirsche, chairman of the department. Enrollment has increased from twenty-five students six years ago to one hundred twenty this year.

This rapid increase in interest is due partially to coeducation, many women wishing to take studio art, as well as to changed student attitudes. "Design doesn't require that students solve world problems . . . rather it is an asset to self-discovery," explained Hirsche. □

more correspondence: *Incessant ridicule*

To the editors:

I was very much taken aback by your reportage of John Simon's lecture at Bronfman auditorium last week. From your article, one would think that Mr. Simon delivered a serious, thoughtful, and sober lecture on film criticism. True, that was what was expected from such a reputable man as Mr. Simon, but the critique that was actually delivered was little better than the very criticism he spent his time deploring.

Despite Elaine Miller's continues quotes (one would think that she was quoting the Gospel Truth Himself), she managed to avoid Mr. Simon's incessant ridiculizations of other critics. And yet those "sample of criticism" with which he entertained his audience occupied a good part of his lecture and were the central way through which he demonstrated the sad state of today's film criticism. Only instead of objectively discussing the concepts, assumptions, and principles (or lack of them) behind his samples, Mr. Simon tended to indulge himself in quoting them out of context and then ridiculing their grammar.

Of course the audience loved the wit with which he made fools of so many Reputable Critics. A little more of a critical attitude on their part is perhaps too much to ask of Williams students. But I don't think that it is too much to ask of a newspaper that contends to be serious. Elaine Miller could at least have mentioned that Professor Boone opened the question period with a very apt "question" (actually remark). He noted, in effect, that the lecture had been a virtual insult to the serious criticism Mr. Simon pretended to advocate.

Your everly so faithful reader,

Mikael Levin '76

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Key to the mint

Freshman Diane Kreiger became the new treasurer of the Williams chapter of the Western Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (WMPIRG) after a special election held last Sunday. She replaces Debbie Jordan who recently resigned. Elected to the local board were Marjo Talbot and Peter Peyser, both sophomores.

Prospective teachers can apply for aid

Don G. Scroggin, assistant professor of Chemistry, announced that inquiries about Danforth Fellowships should be directed to him in room 36 of the Thompson Chemistry Labs. The Fellowships are open to students who have interests in a college teaching career and plan to study for a Ph.D.

Doings in the Tunnel City

Centered under a huge tent in downtown North Adams, the 18th Annual Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Festival runs through this Sunday with rides, exhibits, parades, plenty of beer, and the Berkshire Heritage as its theme.

North Adams, the "Tunnel City," won't be playing host to a Dating Game couple this year, but Saturday's Rotary Club "Oktoberfest" Bavarian Beer Festival should provide enough innocuous chatter and ogling without network television's assistance. For information about the festival, contact the Northern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, 663-3735.

Be GUL-ible

The 1974 GUL will hold an organizational meeting this Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in Baxter Lounge. Editors Sue Kay and Sue Hickok stress that only necessary qualifications are interest and a willingness to work. I. e. no previous yearbook experience is necessary.

New frosh officers

Temporary Freshman Class officers were recently selected by the Freshman Council. Until final elections, sometime this fall, Sam Wardwell will wield the gavel with temporary vice president Al Vaccaro assisting him. The positions of secretary and treasurer have not yet been filled.

For other frosh politicos, elections for class of '77 representatives to the College Council will be held on October 15.

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Yellow jackets gain revenge: sting Ephs

by Dan Daly

The Boston Globe had picked Williams to beat Rochester in Saturday's encounter 33-6. But then, **The Globe** had picked Poland in the Second World War. In a conversation with a Yellowjacket supporter prior to the contest, it was revealed to this reporter that "we (Rochester) aren't very good this year. On top of that, Jarrett (the Yellowjackets' top running back) has an injured leg. He's suited up, but I don't know how good he'll be. Anyway, this game won't be much of a contest." He was right. But, it was Rochester, not the Ephs, who came out on the long end of the 21-7 score.

The final statistics couldn't have been any more misleading. Both squads had fifteen first downs; the Yellowjackets outgained the Purple on the ground 175 yards to 160; the Ephs won the passing battle 136-109. Even in total yardage, Williams eked out a narrow 296-284 advantage. Where did the Purple go wrong? Interceptions. Four misguided missiles were launched by a succession of Eph quarterbacks—two led to Rochester touchdowns, two snuffed out excellent Williams scoring opportunities deep in Yellowjacket territory—and that was the story of the game.

The Williams defense could hardly be faulted on this afternoon. Although the western New Yorkers did move the ball against the Purple with much more success than did Trinity the week before, they put together only one lengthy scoring drive—a 70-yard march following the second half kickoff. The other two Yellowjacket scores followed interceptions of errant Eph passes. At the four minute mark of the first period, Rochester defensive back Ralph Gebhardt, picked off a Bill McMillan aerial and raced thirty-five yards to the Williams 21. Four plays later, on a fourth-and-five situation from the Eph 16, Yellowjacket signal-caller Brian Pasley scrambled out of the pocket and fired the pigskin to a wide open Jim Jimenez, who stood all alone beneath the goal posts. Thierry Deegan's extra point was perfect and Rochester was out in front, 7-0.

Midway through the second quarter, Soph quarterback Pete Eshelman, who replaced a faltering McMillan early in the period hit Yellowjacket cornerback Jim McAnaney at the Eph 48, and the 5-8 junior returned the interception twelve yards to the Williams 36. A face mask penalty against the Purple brought the ball down to the 23. Two runs by halfback Tom Jarrett (the injured one), the second a fifteen-yard jaunt around right end, upped the Rochester lead to 14-0 with 3:20 left in the half. Two touchdowns on drives of less than twenty-five yards courtesy of the Eph offense had put the Yellowjackets ahead to stay.

Exit Eshelman, enter Soph Jim Baldwin. On the next series, Baldwin, helped by the strong running of Rod Geier and Charlie Mitchell (who replaced an injured Maury Matteodo), marched his troops sixty-six yards to the Rochester 13. With time running out in the half, Baldwin fired into the left corner of the end zone for 6-3 and Dave Parker. The Rochester defender, however, was with the speedy Parker step for step and batted the ball away as the first half gun sounded. It was a discouraging end to an impressive Purple drive that saw them move the ball well both on the ground and in the air.

If anyone envisioned a Williams resurgence while listening to the melodious halftime tunes provided by a local high school band, his hopes were quickly dashed once the second half got underway. Following the kickoff, the Yellowjackets drove seventy yards in fourteen plays for a TD. Junior split end Steve Callihan (6 receptions for 78 yards on the day) snagged three Pasley tosses for forty-nine yards in the march. Jarrett plunged over for the score from one foot away to increase the Rochester lead to 21-0. The drive ate up nearly six minutes of the clock and one could hardly fail to notice the visible deflation of team morale as the defense trudged dejectedly off the gridiron.

The offense was able to muster only one first down in the third period. Rover Chris McGavin's interception of a Pasley pass gave the Ephs a golden scoring opportunity at the Yellowjacket 30. Four plays later, however, the Purple were punting from the 43 following a series of plays that epitomized Williams' offensive futility, a malady characteristic of its season thus far.

Coach Bob Odell wears a worried look as line coach Joe Daley looks on. [photo by Dick Langlois]

Only timely Eph defense kept Rochester from turning the game into a rout. The Yellowjackets drove deep into Purple territory, on the strength of halfback Steve Hoffman's (17 carries, 93 yards for the afternoon) inside running, on two other occasions in the second half, but each time the Purple defense dug in and held Rochester at bay. Co-captain Dan Entwistle's end zone interception early in the fourth quarter halted the first Rochester threat, and strong line play aided by a Yellowjacket holding penalty took care of the second.

Baldwin finally spurred the offense to life at the outset of the final period. A sixty-four yard march to the Rochester 16, highlighted by some excellent passing, including a forty-three yard heave from Baldwin to Parker, went by the boards, however, when a third down pass intended for Jack Hiler was intercepted by the ever-present Gebhardt in the end zone, thus driving another nail into the Williams coffin.

The Ephmen averted a shutout with 42 seconds remaining when halfback Charlie Mitchell scooted around right end from two yards out, capping an impressive eighty-yard drive which featured running and passing by Baldwin, who ran for thirty yards and completed two passes for sixteen yards during the march.

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Albany drops harriers for double win

by Scott Lutrey

The Williams crosscountry team suffered a double setback at the hands of Albany State on Saturday. A 25-34 JV-Freshman loss set the stage for a 19-42 Varsity debacle. The State harriers showed both winning speed and depth in their twin triumphs; a result not suffered by the Ephs since 1968.

Rich Langford of Albany State won the JV race in 16:49, breaking Keith Parker's course record of 17:29.5. Crippled by the absence of Ken Leinbach, sprained ankle, and Gary James, best man at Caribou's wedding, the Ephs still made a gallant effort. Chris Flavin and Bob Clifford finished two-three, just outlasting a pair of State men, and Dave Seegar raced into a strong sixth, but then the yellow tide came in. When Ed Bacher and Bob Comer arrived, the race was over.

The Varsity went off as expected with Albany State holding onto nine of the top ten places on South Street, broken up only by Pete Hyde. But the normal Williams strategy of coming from behind never materialized. Scott Lutrey passed Hyde on Varsity Hill and battled for fifth with no other Ephs in sight until Mike McGarr strode by two miles later.

McGarr finished fourth in 26:29, followed by Lutrey's fifth in 26:42. Then the Purple Wave washed up behind schedule with Mark Sisson, Hyde, Chris Potter, and Bob Anderson taking tenth through thirteenth, again after the race was over.

The next meet is Wednesday, 17 October with RPI and Vermont at UVM. A hard week of workouts is forecast. □

Rugby notches double win over Tufts

by Gareth Edwards

The Williams Rugby Football Club hosted the Jumbos of Tufts on Saturday and finished the day with two impressive victories; A's 18-0 and the B's 12-3. These convincing wins followed a strong but tentative showing against UMass the weekend before and upped the season's record to 2-1.

The scrum was the difference as they finally met an opposing set of forwards approximately their size and proved their ability by pushing Tufts all over the field. The scrum demonstrated sophisticated forward play as again and again they slipped and ran the ball through and around the confused Jumbo pack. The four tries all came from forwards, a fitting reward for their dominating play. Paul Rielly opened the scoring from his wing-forward position off a 5 yard scrum; Chris Alberti converted the try. Bob Fogarty at lock added a similar try in a similar situation late in the first half.

Mid way through the second half scrum half Jay Broadhurst made an open side break behind a too eager Tufts wing forward and scampered 30 yards where he passed to an alert Bob Fogarty who went the rest of the way for the try. Second row Steve Westerholm caught the ensuing kick-off and barrelled through a flatfooted Jumbo line to move the ball deep into Tufts territory where Chris Alberti scored the final try of the match.

The line started fast with Bob Cabral, Peter Chadwick, Warren Barker and Mike McIntosh all making cleverly planned breaks. The precision was not there for a try but it should develop for the coming Saturday's match at Albany Law.

The B side avenged a poor showing against UMass by playing up to their potential and beating Tufts 12-3. Peter Mertz and Chris Ives provided the score with good ball provided by the steady B side pack. □

Fall tennis faces Yale next weekend

Fall tennis at Williams, like lacrosse, is rapidly growing into a major sport. This autumn the varsity squad has had a match with Mercyhurst College, has sent the top three players to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Assoc. fall tournament, and has an upcoming match with Yale. Besides tennis at the varsity level, on campus tennis is also in full swing. The All-College singles tournament and the first annual Harry C. Wolfe Memorial Mixed Doubles Tournament are both underway with the finals to be played Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M.

In the All-College singles tournaments, varsity members Charlie Einsiedler and Stu Browne will face off in one semi-final match, while Peter Talbot and Brad Hearsh clash in the other semi-final. The Mixed Doubles final will pit Einsiedler and freshman Laura Carson against Jack Batt and Martha McMasters. Einsiedler and Carson reached the finals by defeating Linda Spencer and Sam Bronfman. Batt and McMasters tripped Julie Winkler and Hearsh in the other semi. The singles final will be played first if Einsiedler is in both matches. Otherwise the matches will be played simultaneously.

The Varsity squad faced Mercyhurst College of Erie, Penn last Thursday. The Purple did not fare well, dropping all six singles matches. Playing without Einsiedler, the team's second seeded player, the bottom four were forced to play up a notch on the ladder, possibly one spot too high. Brad Hearsh turned in the best effort in taking the first set before falling 7-5 in the third set.

Traveling to Princeton for the fall E.C.A.C. Tournament, the Ephs top three player again did not fare well. Einsiedler and Talbert played in the 'B' tournament, while Browne competed in the 'A' section. Einsiedler won his first round match, but fell to Bruce Von Cannon of Princeton in the second round. Browne and Talbert both fell in the first round, yet made it to the quarter-finals of the consolation tournament.

Next Saturday the team has a match with Yale. The line-up will consist of Browne, Einsiedler, Talbert, Dave Hillman, and Bronfman. As is evident competitive tennis during the autumn months is on the up-swing. □

Soccer plays poorly; Union triumphs 5-0

The Varsity soccer squad played a fired-up Union team last Saturday and came out on the short end of a 5-0 score. Although outshot 19-10, Union took advantage of every opportunity and defensive lapse by the Ephmen to wrap up the decisive victory.

The first half saw the Garnets jump to a 3-0 lead on numerous defensive lapses and failures to cover within the penalty zone by Eph Fullbacks. Williams could not make their shots count, despite a dominance of play in the middle of the field.

Throughout the game this edge in play by Williams in overall game control and Union's equally strong ability to score was obvious. The Eph forwards could not score, the halfbacks did not control play, and the fullbacks handed the Union attackers scoring opportunities time after time. While Williams appeared to show far more skill and ability in ball handling, it was the Union desire and fortune which turned the game into a one-sided affair. This difference accounts for the edge in play the Ephs had on shots and corner kicks. Perhaps one statistic is especially important; Eph goalie Don Allison was forced to make nine saves on ten shots, while the Union netminder had to stop just six of nineteen shots at goal.

Coach Vennell after the game felt that the Ephs might have won had Williams scored the opening goal. With Saturday's breakdown of all parts of the Purple game, worry about Eph chances against visiting Harvard must be rampant. □