

FLIC Faces Obstacles; M. Nozik Cites Problems

By GINNY SIVE

This year FLIC has been encountering many obstacles, both technical and administrative. The most troublesome of these concern two projectors promised last year. CGA and Skidmore were to contribute \$1500 each toward the purchase of the projectors. The projectors would be equipped for better lighting (thereby reducing the blurred picture) and the present sound output would be doubled.

Michael Nozik '76, the head of FLIC this year, questioned various people regarding the equipment, but learned nothing. He received conflicting information from Plant Operations, which was in charge of ordering the projectors. One report said that two less expensive ones were ordered; another, that the cheaper ones had been ordered for another department, not for FLIC. In the latter case, there is still the question of FLIC's original order.

There are other problems plaguing FLIC, but as Nozik points out, these are beyond its control. Plant Operations has failed to keep FLIC supplied with basic equipment, such as take-up reels, sound bulbs and light bulbs. Only one projector is still operative, and there was a missing light bulb last Wednesday night.

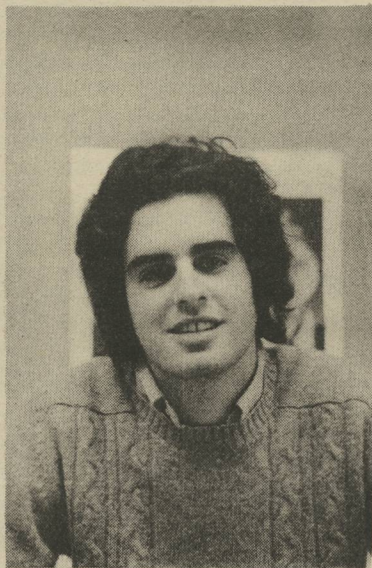
Hopefully, the new project-

ors have been ordered, and will arrive soon. Until then, with some co-operation from Plant Operations, FLIC will continue with its usual format of Wednesday night foreign and classic films and Saturday night entertainment films.

As always, FLIC is free. Nozik urges that students who are dissatisfied with Plant Operations' actions complain to the Dean of Students.

The fall semester schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 16 - THE LITTLE THEATER OF JEAN RENOIR
- Oct. 19 - ??
- Oct. 23 - RISE OF LOUIS XIV
- Oct. 26 - THE LONG GOODBYE Elliot Gould
- Oct. 30 - NOTHING BUT A MAN
- Nov. 2 - PAPER MOON Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal
- Nov. 6 - STOLEN KISSES
- Nov. 9 - YANKEE DOODLE DANDY James Cagney
- Nov. 13 - CHILDREN OF PARADISE Jean-Louis Barrault
- Nov. 16 - A MAN AND A WOMAN
- Nov. 20 - NIGHT IN FOG; MAN WITH A MOVIE CAMERA
- Dec. 4 - ??
- Dec. 7 - KING OF HEARTS Alan Bates



The Head of FLIC: Michael Nozik

OPEN LETTER

To All Who Attended Talent Show on Oct. 12:

On Saturday night at the Talent Show in front of students and their parents two Skidmore girls got on stage and repeated a "dirty" joke. I apologize for the indignity suffered by all. The girls made an unscheduled appearance without my knowledge.

I find myself appaled that 2 Skidmore students would have the gall to get in front of the school and do something as crass and ill mannered as telling an offensive joke.

All students whose parents attended the talent show may call me at x693 and their parents will get a letter of apology from the two girls.

Melanie Ziskend
Social Chairperson

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Contact JoAnne X661

Topic Of New Proposal; Scribner Village Pets

The controversy concerning the pets in Scribner Village has finally come to the forefront. After much discussion and refinement, an experimental proposal was passed by Interdorm Board Thursday night.

The major points of the proposal include the establishment of a "Pet Council", an extensive registration program, a leash law and the mandatory approval of all occupants of an apartment housing a pet. In addition, it covers enforcement procedures and penalties, emphasizing the students' responsibilities to uphold the regulations.

The Pet Council, comprised of elected members of the Village community, will entertain all violations of the animal policy. Penalties, levied according to the nature of the violation, will be determined by this body. The Council will also submit monthly reports to Peter Sipperly's office reviewing the results of the experimental program.

In addition, the Pet Council will conduct the registration of all animals in Scribner Village. At this time, a Saratoga license, certificates of vaccinations and a "Notice of Approval" will be presented by the owner. The "Notice" is the written consent of all members of an owner's apartment, indicating that no inconvenience exists.

Petitions were circulated throughout the apartments to determine the residents attitudes toward the proposed policy. An overwhelming majority signed in favor of the proposal denoting both widespread interest and the great need for a change in policy.

Those who have worked closely to the development of the plan feel that the extensive stipulations present



a viable alternative to the present (no pet) situation. They also believe that the physical arrangement and size of each apartment, as well as the abundance of undeveloped College property to the northwest of the complex, facilitate the housing of animals. In effect, they argue, a pet would be living in a healthy atmosphere, close to that of a family residence, with the addition of acres of "running room."

It seems reasonable to grant, both those who own

animals and those who wish to own animals, the opportunity to house them while at Skidmore. The proponents of this experimental policy will present it next to CGA Senate and finally to the Community Council for review. It takes time to evolve a proposal through the legislative channels at Skidmore but the animal owners and all those interested feel this road is necessary to secure a policy that is acceptable to all groups involved.

New Rumors Of Cheating, Honor Code Takes A Blow

After suffering serious blows from tales of widespread cheating, the honor code is under fire again by the Student Senate. Last Friday, Oct. 4, Rich Ostrov '75, 1st Vice-President of CGA, presented the issue before the Faculty for discussion, and comment on possible action.

No action was taken by the Faculty at the time and nothing is pending. The basic consensus of the group was that it was a student issue and therefore up to the students to enforce.

Last year, Karolyn Vreeland '74, then CGA 1st Vice-President sat on the Honor Code Committee. Due to basic indifference on the part of its members, the committee was disbanded. Vreeland consequently pioneered more work on it by bringing the issue to Senate after a student poll indicated that indeed, cheating was widespread, especially in courses with objective examinations.

As a result of this evidence

presented by Vreeland to Senate, a motion was passed that it was up to the Faculty to proctor examinations, which under the existing honor code is illegal.

When Vreeland brought the issue to the Faculty Meeting last spring, the lack of quorum prevented the Faculty from taking any action on this proposal. Consequently, a vote was conducted by mail with the Faculty approving proctoring. However, Vreeland was disappointed in her attempt to generate verbal discussion by the Faculty, as a group of professional educators. The vote by mail, she felt, made the revision seem like a haphazard last-ditch effort on the part of the students for finals.

It appears with the latest Faculty reaction that any more revisions or response to the honor code or the expulsion of the Honor Code will be the responsibility and decision of the Student Senate.

Scholarship Committee Reorganizes. Aid Given For Individual Projects

By PENNY TOFFOLON

The Winter Term Scholarship Committee has been reorganized this year to form the Skidmore CGA Scholarship Fund. It has been restructured to aide those students who are in need of financial assistance to further their studies through independent projects.

Skidmore Courses Only

Approved by CGA, this new scholarship fund is offering up to \$200 grants for an independent or a specific project during regular semesters as well as Winter Term. Only students who are enrolled in courses offered by Skidmore are qualified to apply. This fund would aide students in covering the cost above tuition, like expenses for special conventions or for independents, that a student has a special interest in.

CGA has given this Scholarship Fund Committee \$4000 to give out over the course of the year. Due to the new organizational structure of the committee, CGA has limited the amount of money the committee can lend out, to \$500 for the first

semester. However the committee has \$2,500 to aide student projects for Winter Term, and \$1000 for Spring Term. At this time the Committee, chaired by Rick Ostrov '75, has asked the Administration for a matching grant. If the Administration comes through with some form of financial assistance, the money allotment to each term would rise, thus giving more students a chance to pursue different things.

Need Description and Reason

The Committee decides who will receive grants, after the student has filled out an application, designating the course or project the applicant wishes to undertake. Each applicant must present a description of the course, and state the reasons for financial assistance.

If anyone is interested in receiving a grant from the CGA Scholarship Fund, funds are still available for all terms. Please contact Rick Ostrov, Chairman of the Committee, at ext. 298 if you have any questions.

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Senate Probes Honor Code Issue

At the last Faculty Meeting, Rick Ostrov '75, 1st CGA Vice-President brought up the issue of the adequacy of the existing honor code. It is presently an issue within Senate on the basis of evidence compiled last year under Karolyn Vreeland '74, last year's CGA 1st Vice-President.

It was evident to many students last year that the honor code was not working. Alleged mass cheating in an introductory psychology exam was just one of the instances where students pointed out the failure of the code.

As a result of the report, Senate is continuing to pursue the issue and brought it again to the Faculty, considering them the source of authority in terms of proctoring exams.

The response from the Faculty was appallingly dismal. Only six members of over a hundred present had anything to say on the matter. Of those six, some stated that cheating didn't seem to be a problem in their classes. Another faculty member stated that he was surprised that students were now coming to the Faculty for tighter academic controls when only five years ago, it was the reverse situation.

The basic attitude, confirmed by silence and the lack of any heated argument or verification by the Faculty members who chose to speak, indicated that the Faculty feels that this is a student issue. It is the students' honor code and therefore the student's are responsible for upholding it.

If this be the case, then Senate will take the measures necessary to rectify the situation.

However, we find it rather disappointing that the Faculty, as a group of scholars, is not more concerned with the moral principles involved in this academic situation. Surely, many of the members who remained silent that afternoon knew of cheating in some instance or another, yet said nothing.

And to the Faculty members who are surprised that students are suddenly returning to authority and tighter controls on themselves, some credit should be given to the students for realizing that the idealistic situation of the Honor Code is just not feasible when dealing with human nature.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to Larry Husten's article on mediocrity: Many professors at Skidmore are intelligent! However, once and again they need a challenge to stimulate their thought processes. Can you imagine the boredom of teaching intro courses every year for years on end! The same crap that you or I may think is boring, he has to babble out year after year to uninterested students. Skidmore students are the most complacent, willing to accept, willing to be taught and not to learn, unquestioning students that I have ever seen. What makes Skidmore mediocre, you ask? It's students. I don't mean to imply that Skidmore students are dunces. I mean that many students are uninterested in what they are learning. Skidmore is not an institution of learning, but a factory. A small one, maybe, but a factory. Students are churned out to work in unassuming jobs helping the wheel to turn, never wondering whether the life of consumption is the best or whether there is something more to life than money.

Signed
Aland D'Martian
Intergalactic Association of
Martians
Skidmore Chapter

UMTA Responds:

Is Traveling Really A Necessity?

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) recently announced the publication of "Reducing the Need for Travel," a research study prepared by the INTERPLAN Corporation under the sponsorships of UMTA.

The study explores the potential for combating congestion and its associated problems by reducing the demand for travel rather than increasing the efficiency or capacity of transportation modes.

Candidate solutions are identified as alternative means of accomplishing the reduction of urban travel and urban travel needs. INTERPLAN suggests four alternatives --- the substitution of communication for travel whenever applicable, alteration of land use patterns of urban areas, rescheduling of work hours, and travel disincentives.

The impact of each of these proposed solutions is assessed in terms of its reduction of: vehicle miles traveled; the number of automobiles owned; the energy required; and the expense to the consumer.

"Reducing the Need for Travel" is available from the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151; PB 234-665/AS at \$5.00 each.

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THERE'S A SPOT FOR YOUR OPINION, ARTICLE, OR FEATURE IN SKIDMORE NEWS.

COMMENT

EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE???

By AMY E. DEAN

Last week, October 9 to be specific, most of the sleeping community was awakened between 5 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. for an unannounced Freshmen Day. Some people thought this was extremely funny - namely, the persons responsible for knocking on doors and screaming. However, the people in Penfield, McClellan, and Howe-Rounds couldn't see the humor. And neither can I.

But, for all you people who are condemning them, we must remember we are dealing with the mind of a five year old. And that mentality does not understand what a good night's sleep is. These five year olds take their naps after lunchtime, so they can get up early in the morning and watch the New Zoo Revue on television.

We must smile bravely and humor them. They do not understand what a mid-term exam is and they don't really want to face up to the reality that they are in college. College is a term that they do not understand. Psychologically, they were reverting back to childhood and believed it was recess time. And since they are so insecure, they were knocking on doors to look for someone to come out and join them in their playtime games.

Thus, the next time a child knocks on your door at 5 a.m., tell him his mother is calling. He understands that.



NASA-SEXA or

Shooting [For] The Moon

By LARRY HUSTEN AND TONY GARVIN

Note-Tony Garvin is best understood as perhaps the only Sophomore in a Freshman writing class. Despite this seeming ineptness (after this column you will have to decide for yourself) I think he is a fine satiric writer and hope he will continue to write with me in the future. This column is the result of the first combined effort of our two perverted minds. L.H.

- 0010 Computer on
- 0020 Print Pre-launch, Flight, and Return to Earth sequences
- 0030 go.
- 0040 T-50 hours Input data to computer
- 0050 T-49 Examine and assimilate data
- 0060 T-48 Establish communications
- 0070 T-47:58 Determine frequency compatibility
- 0080 T-47:57 Compute launch success probability
- 0090 T-47:55 IF affirmative (green) go to 0100 (t-46) negative (red) go to 0770T-0.50
- 0100 T-46 Dictate "Go Green" command
- 0110 T-45:50 Input reply data to computer
- 0120 T-45 IF green, go to 0130 (T-44) red, go to 0770 (T-0.50)
- 0130 T-44 Re-affirm lift-off time
- 0140 T-43 Discontinue communication for present
- 0150 T-42 Evacuate waste from all systems
- 0160 T-8 Ingest first solid fuel
- 0170 T-7 Re-affirm system stability
- 0180 T-3 Ingest second solid fuel
- 0190 T-2 second re-affirmation, system stability
- 0200 T-1.58 IF green, go to 0210 (T-1.55) red, go to 0770 (0.50)
- 0210 T-1.55 Wash hull
- 0220 T-1.45 Dry hull
- 0230 T-1.35 Close and seal vents to maintain THI in internal atmosphere
- 0240 T-1.33 Final waste evacuation and seal-

- ing of all ports with protective covering
- 0250 T-1.10 Perform pre-launch ammonia bath
- 0260 T-1 Ingest alcohol fuel
- 0270 T-0.9 Input fuel content to computer for detection of foreign matter
- 0280 T-0.89 affirm presence of foreign matter
- 0290 T-0.86 Activate automatic self-cleansing sequence
- 0300 T-0.85 Remove protective covering from ports
- 0310 T-0.83 Unseal all ports
- 0320 T-0.81 Evacuate waste from all lower systems
- 0330 T-0.79 Retrieve systems
- 0340 T-0.77 Second ingestion of alcohol fuel
- 0350 T-0.76 Third reaffirmation of system stability
- 0360 T-0.75 IF green, go to 0820 (T-0.30) red, go to 0770 (0.50)
- 0370 T-0.50 Emergency waste evacuation sequence activation
- 0380 T-0.49 Blow all upper systems
- 0390 T-0.48 Blow all lower systems
- 0400 T-0.46 Input new stabilization status data to computer
- 0410 T-0.41 If green, go to 0430 (T-0.30) red, go to 0420 (T-0.40)
- 0420 T-0.40 Abort
- 0430 T-0.30 Recheck of all systems
- 0440 T-0.29 Specific recheck of capsule protective mechanism
- 0450 T-0.20 Begin final launch sequence
- 0460 T-0.10 Begin count-down
- 0470 T-0.02 Ignition sequence initiation
- 0480 T-0.01 Ignition affirmation
- 0490 T-0.00 Lift-off
- FLIGHT SEQUENCE
- ?+?? T+0.30 Regain consciousness
- 0510 T+0.50 Reaffirm system stability
- 0520 T+1 Third ingestion of alcohol fuel

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**THIS WEEK IN
COLLEGE
PLANNING**



**The Rockefeller
Problem**

by Jack Anderson

**EDUCATION:
A Challenging &
Satisfying Field**

By GWENN MILEWSKI

The job market for teachers is not as dismal as it's made out to be. There is a surplus of teachers, but statistics are suspect. Of course in certain areas the situation is extremely tight. Metropolitan areas, especially Boston and the Northeast, are most difficult. Jobs are more plentiful in rural areas and areas of slow population growth.

According to John Reed, Chairman of the Education department, "Good people can get jobs." Good recommendations, academic records, persistence and intelligent job-hunting are most important in seeking a teaching job. And Skidmore's excellent reputation is always a help. "The Skidmore degree does add to the credential," says Thomas Fox, Assistant Professor. "A small liberal arts school has an advantage over a large university." In the class of '73, 47 out of 53 Elementary Education majors were reported employed one year after graduation. Out of 8 actively looking English teachers (class of '74), 4 are now employed. These are excellent figures.

When hiring, public schools place a lot of weight on recommendations. This is largely because they cannot always observe the candidate in a classroom situation. Recommendations from the principal in the school where the candidate student-taught are extremely helpful. Five Skidmore graduates have landed jobs because of good references from their principals. A favorable recommendation from the principal, college supervisor, or cooperating teacher can compensate for a less than exceptional academic record. Schools are wary about grades. "Schools are not looking for scholars," says Fox. "They look for intelligent, competent and responsible people. Schools are also attracted to those who have had teaching experience outside of college, in the Peace Corps, Vista, Counseling Drug Centers, and so on."

There are many alternatives to classroom teaching. Government agencies, such as Head Start, educational publishing, educational television, the YMCA, various pre-school programs and museum programs are among them. Others are in the area of research and testing services. "There is also a real need for special education and reading specialists," says Nedra Stimpfle, Instructor in Education.

WASHINGTON — Top tax experts, including former Internal Revenue officials, have told us they have grave questions about the enormous gifts that Vice President designate Nelson Rockefeller lavished upon his old associates.

One of the "gifts" was \$50,000, which Rockefeller passed on to his former foreign policy adviser, Henry Kissinger.

The problem, say the experts, is drawing the distinction between a gift and compensation for services. If the Rockefeller associates were being compensated for their services, the money should be considered "bonuses" and not gifts. As such, they would be taxable at a higher rate, and the recipients would pay the tax, not Rockefeller.

Thus, it is possible that Secretary of State Kissinger, among others, technically owes the federal government back taxes.

Nelson Rockefeller's personal fortune is valued at more than \$62.5 million. Yet in 1970, he didn't pay a penny in federal income tax. Since most Americans paid federal income taxes in 1970, that meant that the average citizen was paying Rockefeller's taxes.

All too many millionaires, particularly the oil tycoons, have not been paying their fair share of the taxes. Every dollar they escape paying must be made up by the rest of us taxpayers.

The public is losing patience with the discrimination in the nation's tax struc-

ture. Unless tax reforms are adopted soon, our whole tax collection system could be jeopardized.

The House Ways and Means Committee, feeling the public pressure, has finally produced a huge, 700-page tax bill. It contains some tax reforms that are intended to placate the public. The oil-depletion allowance, for example, would be phased out, forcing the oil industry to cough up an estimated \$3 billion a year more taxes.

But our own tax advisers say that, hidden in the 700-page bill, are other gimmicks which would give upper-income taxpayers new tax breaks.

Nelson Rockefeller's nomination, meanwhile, is in limbo on Capitol Hill, and the confirmation of the Vice President designate may even be held up until next year.

The Senate Rules Committee has finished its hearings. But the House Judiciary Committee is in no hurry to act on the nomination.

So far, its 38 members haven't even received briefing papers on the investigation of the nominee's finances.

The Joint Internal Revenue Committee, which audited the Ford and Nixon tax returns, is hard at work on the Rockefeller probe. They are expected to complete it by October 18th.

Congress will be in recess then, and it is doubtful that the Judiciary Committee will act before the election. Indeed, there is a strong

Assistant teaching, or teacher's aid, is a pre-professional job. Salaries are low and often a degree is not necessary. However, it is an excellent way to work into a fulltime teaching position.

Larry Clever, Instructor in Education, stresses the fact that more men are needed in the field. The number of male teachers has increased, but the field is still predominantly female, especially in elementary schools. "Little boys need male models," says Clever. While classrooms are dominated by women, administrative positions are almost entirely male. In elementary schools, 84% of the teachers are female and 80% report to a male

principal. 99% of all secondary school teachers report to male principals. According to Fox, "It's very difficult for a woman to get an administrative position in education. Most communities are not ready for a female in the administration. It's difficult, especially in conservative areas, for people to see a woman as captain of the ship."

One of the distinguishing points of Skidmore's Education department is the close personal attention given the student throughout the program. "We prepare them for becoming teachers and are concerned with their development as people," says Reed. The department is

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possibility the nomination will not be voted on until next year.

Despite his impressive credentials, Rockefeller remains a controversial nominee. The recent disclosures of large gifts have added spice to the old tales about buying favors.

The Judiciary Committee, as well as the House itself, will be quite different in composition next year. Some sources tell us that the leadership will soon decide to hold up the nomination until the new Congress is sworn in next January.

In the meantime, House Speaker Carl Albert, much to his chagrin, will continue to be the nation's No. 2 leader.

Kissinger Charade: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was forced to enact a charade recently to preserve his image on Capitol Hill.

The lawmakers have been growing increasingly frustrated with Kissinger in recent months. Many Congressmen feel he regards them as a necessary evil, that he is too much of a one-man show. They resent his obsessive secrecy. Now their anger is boiling to the surface. In recent weeks, they have lashed into Kissinger with abandon.

Several senators, for example, loudly erupted when they learned Kissinger had been involved in the political sabotage of the late Chilean President, Salvador Allende.

The greatest blow to Kissinger's ego, however, came when both the House and Senate voted to embargo economic and military aid to Turkey. Kissinger had defied the law, the legislators felt, when he continued to ship arms to Turkey after that country had illegally used American weapons to invade Cyprus.

To save face, Kissinger flew to New York for secret talks with the foreign ministers of Turkey and Greece, who were in town for the latest U.N. session. In Washington, meanwhile, President

Ford publicly pleaded with Congress not to slash aid to Turkey as it would "undermine" Kissinger's "negotiations."

The truth is, according to our sources, there were NO "negotiations." It was all a charade designed to convince a balky Congress that delicate talks were in progress.

Kissinger's meetings with Greek Foreign Minister George Mavros, for example, were described to us as "cold, very cold." At one point, the two leaders posed for pictures and Mavros did a marvelous imitation of a block of granite.

Finally, Kissinger turned to the Greek leader. "Come on, smile," he implored.

Oil Talks: The foreign ministers of the world's oil-consuming nations recently sat down with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to discuss the oil crisis. Despite extreme secrecy, we can report what happened during the private discussions.

Kissinger warned his fellow ministers that today's staggering oil prices are a threat to world order. The West, he declared, is being pushed to the brink.

Britain's Foreign Secretary James Callaghan took a less catastrophic view of the Arab oil squeeze. He suggested that the Arab oil billions might be recycled through a loan fund into the countries in desperate trouble.

Like Callaghan, the other foreign ministers were also uneasy about a confrontation with the oil-producing countries. This wasn't the best way, they argued, to get the Arabs to reduce oil prices.

France's Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues suggested bluntly that the United States bring pressure on Israel to come to terms with the Arabs. A Middle East settlement, he argued, would gain Arab cooperation and solve the oil crisis.

The foreign ministers agreed, however, that the oil-consuming nations must work together to relieve the oil crunch.

SATIRE

By AMY E. DEAN

As an avid television watcher, I've taken an increasing interest in those corny commercials, basically because I find my mouth watering over Swanson's Hungry Man Dinner and Purina Dog Chow. I've also noticed that many commercials could actually be filmed at Skidmore, since they relate to a student's exciting life.

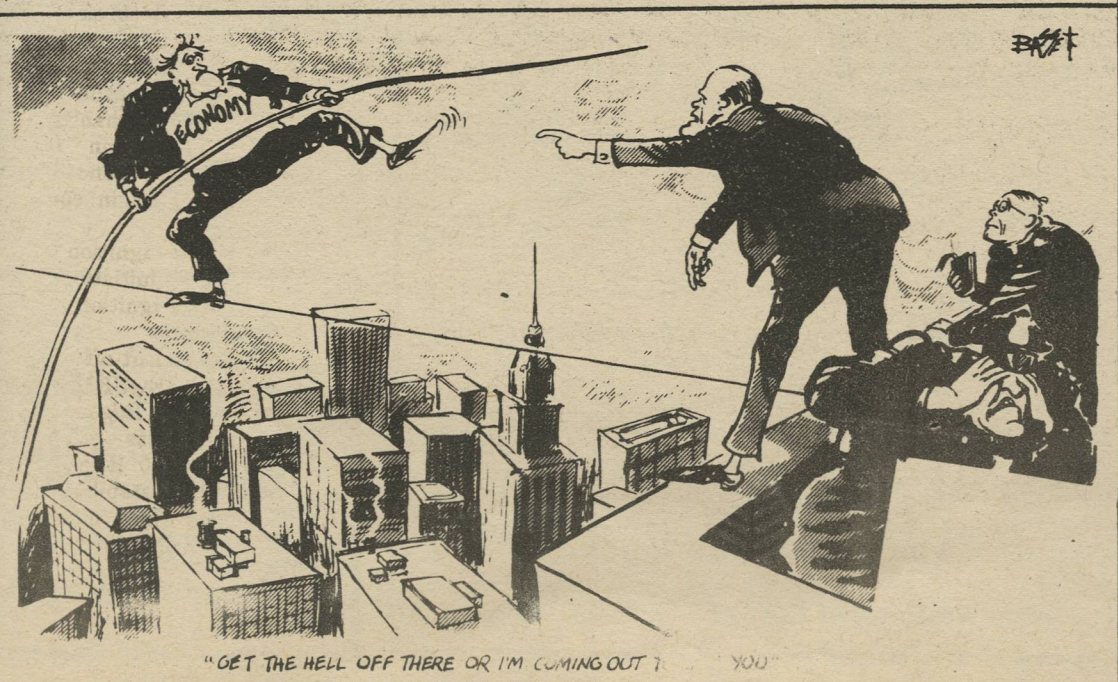
The cafeteria, of course, is a storehouse of commercials. To begin, there is the usual stumping question, "What did you have for dinner last night?" Anyone who can answer that question without hesitation must be the brother of the psychotic arrested in my last satire.

The other afternoon, at my usual 5:00 late dining hour, I was just about to guess what pile was the meat on my plate when I heard a small voice say "butter!". I looked at the yellow slab on my sky-blue tray and lifted up the wax paper on top. I leaned closer and whispered, "Margerine." "Butter", it replied. This time I spoke louder - "Margerine". It yelled back, "Butter!" I finally spread some on a roll, tasted, rose from my seat in surprise, and screamed, "Butter!" Whereupon Sargeant Ache-ins grabbed the slab from under my nose and strode off, murmuring something about, "There's no such thing as butter in MY cafeteria."

Moving to the students, there are many commercials that relate to them. For instance, there's the baby powder ad when the woman looks at herself in the mirror and moans, "Why did I cut my hair? I look like a squirrel!" She then asks what all of us ask: "Who am I?"

To finish, a camera focuses in on a student walking across the green. A man asks, "Hey! Suzy Student, enrolled at Skidmore College...how's your love life?" She replies, "Are you kidding? Saratoga Springs... horseracing capital of the world...the college classes...the student union...the males..."

"How's your love life?"
"ROTTEN!"



RESULTS OF FRESHMAN CLASS ELECTIONS:

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SOCIAL CHAIRMAN: Julie Butler

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SENATE MINUTES

Re: Minutes from the CGA Senate meeting, 10/7/74

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Sacks, the President of the Association at 6:30 P.M., 10/7/74. Role was called and Harold Stone was absent.

Mr. Butler, the comptroller of the college, talked to the Senate about the new check cashing policy of the business office. He gave us some background information about the business office, and explained what the function of the office is. The business office takes care of all the financial business of the college, and Mr. Butler stated that there is no college business that does not at some time pass through the business office. Aside from the two women who cash checks, there are 3 people who work in the business office. None of these people have secretaries, and they depend on these two women for all their secretarial work. These two women are also responsible for balancing the books everyday, for tracking down bounced checks, etc. Cashing checks at any hour of the day interrupts their work and is very distracting. The business office decided several years ago that in order to run an efficient operation they would have to limit their hours for cashing checks, but refrained from doing so until they moved to the New Campus. In the meantime, they made a study of what other local colleges do concerning this matter. The results of the study were: RPI has a branch bank of Marine Midland, which is open from 9:00 to 5:00. Skidmore did approach Adirondack Trust about such an operation, but the bank did not feel that it would be a worthwhile operation. Union College is open from 8:30-4:00, they charge 5c a check, and a \$5.00 penalty for a bounced check. Russell Sage's hours are 8:30-3:30, at 10c a check, and a \$3.00 penalty. Siena's hours are 1-3:30 on Mon., Wed., and Fri., and they have a maximum limit of \$50.00. Mr. Butler feels that he cannot have the business office open for more than 3 hours a day without hiring another person, which he does not wish to do, since it will mean that students would have to be charged for each check cashed. The current hours were arranged as a result of past studies made on when most students went to cash checks. Mr. Butler is very willing to change the hours after sufficient study has been made, and was very happy to listen to any suggestions we had. Any suggestions brought to Senate will be investigated and forwarded to him.

Permanent Senate has now been established, with the exception of 4 Senators at-large, and the Freshman Class President, who will be elected this week. Sacks introduced herself, Rick Ostrov (the 1st VP of CGA) and Sue Spissinger to the Senate.

Sue Spissinger talked about the safety of students and their property. There have been some incidents of assault, robbery, and rape here at Skidmore. Although no one wants to create paranoia, Senators are urged to remind people that there are people around who are out to do you harm. All students-both male and female-are urged not to walk alone at night, especially on the old campus, in Congress Park, or in the woods on the new campus. Everyone should exercise caution. KEEP YOUR SECURITY DOORS LOCKED, AND LOCK YOUR DOOR WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR ROOM OR ARE SLEEPING. When you see someone in your dorm who is not a student, ask them who's guest they are and check it out. If you are afraid to do this, get a member of your residence staff to do it, or call security. People who are not Skidmore students or guests of Skidmore students have no business being in the dorms.

Executive board met last Monday. They passed action on the legislative powers of temporary members of Senate and IDB. It was decided that these temporary representatives would have the same voting power as a permanent member. They also granted a request from the nursing majors in NYC for an additional sum of about \$2,000.00.

Ostrov and Sacks attended last week's Faculty meeting and reported that the Faculty feels that it is up to the students to make the honor code work. Due to a revision of the honor code made last spring, proctoring will be allowed at all exams this year. A committee will be set up to investigate the honor code next week.

The CGA Scholarship applications will be available at the calendar office desk next Wednesday.

Janice Trebbi, one of the chairpersons of the Student Academic Council asked for volunteers to investigate tenure. The importance of tenure was discussed, as well as the great importance of student involvement in this issue. The committee investigating co-education at Skidmore also asked for volunteers from Senate. These committees are open to all interested students. If you would like to be on one of these committees, get in touch with Janice Trebbi or Debbie Sacks.

Sacks said that her main aim this year is to make the CGA work in reality as well as on paper. Next week Senate committees will be established, 2 of which will be the audit committee and the social committee advisory board.

Melanie Ziskend gave a report on the social committee. The weekends have been planned as follows: 10/11-talent show, 10/12-get-together in Case, 10/18-semi-formal dance at the Holiday Inn, 10/19-WSPN Rafters-type evening at Case, 10/25-26-Jazz Festival, 11/12-Halloween weekend, 11/8-concert/dance at Holiday Inn, 11/9-French cuisine dinner at Spa room and wine tasting party following in Case. (correction-dance on 10/18 will be at the Hall of Springs). Social Committee expenditures so far this year are approximately: \$100-beer, \$700-bands, \$200-mailing expenses and phone bills, \$500-damages to Holiday Inn for last Skidmore event held there.

Ostrov made a motion that all the expenditures of the Social Committee, FLIC, and the Lecture Series be printed in the Skidmore News once a month so that everyone can see where the money is going. The motion was passed unanimously.

Sacks explained the responsibilities of Hall Presidents and Floor Presidents, and asked that the Senators become familiar with the handbook as soon as it comes out. Volunteers were requested to help put the handbook together, and the time was set for Saturday morning at 11:00, so the handbook will be out soon. Next week an outline for the formal agenda will be passed out. Anyone who wants a specific thing on the agenda should notify Sacks by the preceeding Thursday night, at X229. If anyone should need to get in touch with Ostrov, his extension is 298, and Sue Shoup's is 232.

Questionnaires about the CGA were passed out, and everyone is asked to get them back in by next week's meeting, 10/14, 6:30 P.M. LADD 106.

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The CGA minutes are read once a week over WSPN between 6:00 and 7:00 PM on Thursday, and published in the Skidmore News.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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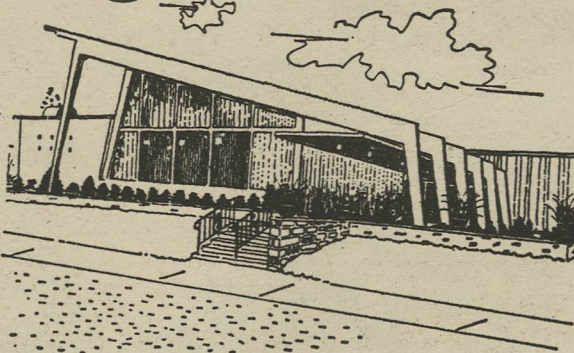
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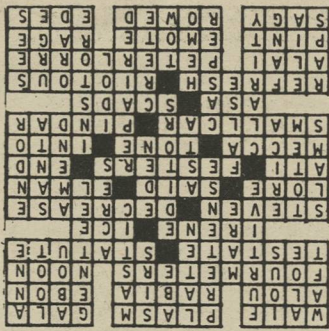
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- 0650 T+6 Re-affirm system stability
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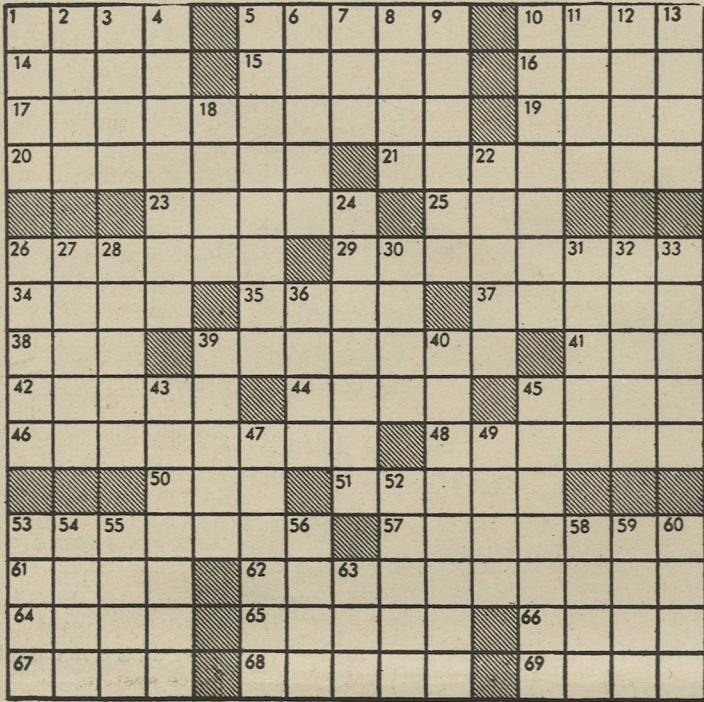
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Students Act On Tenure Issue

Student Academic Council held its first meeting October 10 to begin the study of the upcoming tenure issue.

Chaired by Anne Vey '75 and Janice Trebbi '75, the Committee will be conducting a faculty poll concerning tenure, contacting schools such as Colgate, Smith, Vassar, and Amherst concerning their tenure procedures, talking with department chairmen and interviewing the Trustees when they are next on campus.

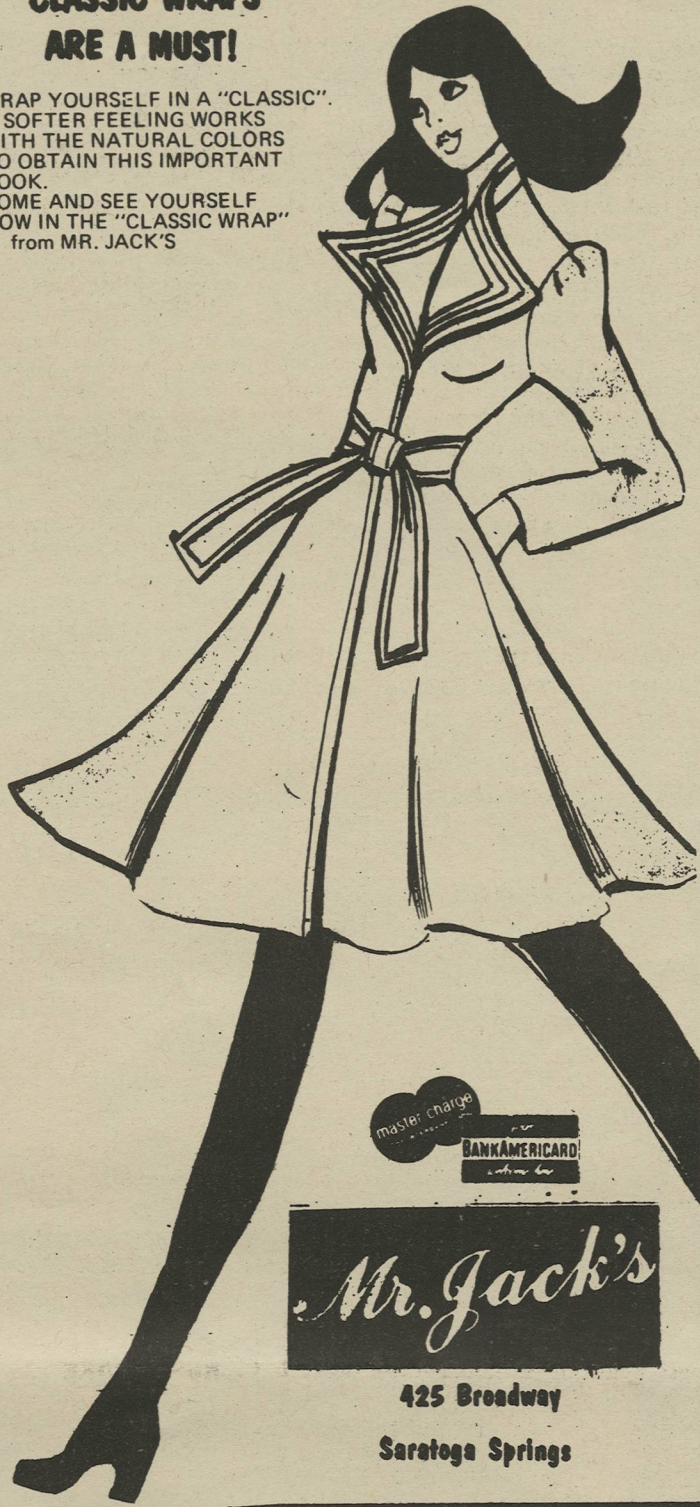
Within two weeks, the Committee will be holding its next meeting on Oct. 23 in Ladd 204 at 6:30 for preliminary hearing on initial findings. By February, the Committee will have this data compiled in order to provide students with concise information about past tenure situations, who will be up for tenure this year, and what students can do in determining the outcome of this situation.

The basic idea behind this Committee is for the students to have a logical and orderly premise to observe and participate in the tenure issue, so that it will not be necessary for last minute efforts to keep a valued professor as occurred last spring.

All students interested in working on the investigation are invited to attend the next meeting and may contact Anne Vey, ext. 400 or Janice Trebbi, ext. 664.

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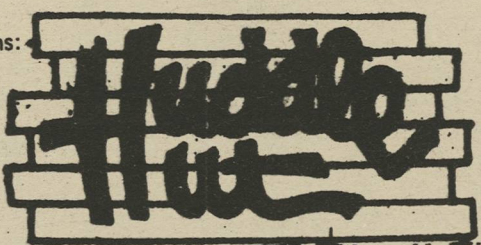
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YEARBOOK SHRINKAGE CAUSED BY DECREASE OF BUDGET

By A. E. VEY

The Skidmore yearbook, dubbed "Eromdiks" (that's Skidmore spelled backwards), will this year devote less space than ever before to the graduating class. One-hundred-and-twenty-five pages of the two-hundred page publication will contain senior pictures, averaging four photographs a page.

The Eromdiks budget was cut from \$12,000 to this year's \$8,500, basically "because CGA didn't like the quality of last year's yearbook", according to Steven Cohen, '76, Photo Editor and Business Manager. "In essence, they thought it was a Seniors' Post-Bib". CGA wanted seniors to be able to obtain yearbooks for free, but also proposed that Eromdiks "should be economically responsible for raising revenue", Cohen told the News. As a result, a token fee of \$1 will be charged to everyone.

There is an average annual surplus of 200 yearbooks. In an effort to avoid this costly waste, only 1700 copies will be published this year, with seniors getting first priority. After that, Eromdiks is available on a "first come, first served basis", Cohen stated. Each faculty member does not automatically receive a yearbook, but a courtesy copy is given to every department.

Due to the budget cut, the yearbook will be smaller in size, measuring 8 1/2 x 11 inches. There will, however, be two pages of expensive color photographs. Cohen says the staff is "still looking for a cover design", which is customarily created by any Skidmore student who wishes to submit an original work. Each year, there are progressively more photos and less writing in the yearbook. Cohen emphasized that there is "no policy on our part" to boycott literary material, but neither is there an active campaign to procure suitable yearbook prose. If material is submitted, it will be considered for use, although it remains a Skidmore tradition for photographs to preponderate Eromdiks.

As far as using pictures, Cohen stressed that "our determinant is quality". The space given to seniors will be supplemented by "candid photos of the college community, pictures of lecturers and theatrical productions". Pictures of the faculty and administration are ultimately used, Cohen said, "not so much because it's a member of the faculty", but

because it's a quality photograph, quality being the criterion for all pictures. The goal of the staff in assembling candid photos is to attain a visual feeling of the college, that "will reflect it in such a way that when you look at the yearbook in ten years, you'll say, 'Hey, that was what Skidmore was really like'", Cohen explained, admitting it was a difficult and thankless task.

He continued, "Last year's was not a popular yearbook", citing the numerous complaints from seniors that a few of their classmates were given full page enlargements, ostensibly because the pictures were of high artistic quality -- more likely because of editorial favoritism. Everyone criticizes the yearbook, but this has not led to a greater number of staff volunteers. The number diminishes steadily from meeting to meeting. Cohen remarked, "People say they're interested in working

until work is actually involved."

Cohen named "Apathy, like in everything else" as the prime obstacle to accomplishing tasks on Eromdiks. "The students don't care about the yearbook", he added. "They just want it handed to them like a present at the end of the year". The staff's major concern is impressing upon seniors the importance of turning in their pictures by the November 1 deadline. One-half of the senior class has opted to use a personal photographer as opposed to the studio commissioned by the yearbook.

Eromdiks is still seeking interested students who are willing to contribute their time and energies to the yearbook. Editor-in-Chief Marcy Hirschfeld, '75, can be contacted at x668, or call Steven Cohen at x160. Other staff members are Carol Goldberg, '76, Layout Editor; and Martha Shields, Art Editor.

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careful in placing student teachers in schools that are conducive to personal growth, and student teachers are closely supervised. The department likes to give students early exposure to public schools. Sayra Lester, Associate Professor, is involved in a volunteer program, which places interested students in local schools. This is especially valuable to potential majors who are not sure whether teaching is for them. Fox and Stimpfle are offering a January term this year for anyone interested in public school teaching. Class time is divided between on campus clinic workshop and teaching in area public schools. This is an excellent opportunity for education majors and for those who are undecided about teaching. The course is "an attempt to get them out earlier and enable them to prepare themselves intellectually and emotionally," says Fox. The department likes to see potential majors as early as possible, and an advisor in the education department is possible for those not sure about teaching.

A teacher must like children or adolescents and must want to work with them. "A good teacher must be interested in kids as people," says Reed. "She must be tolerant of ambiguity, have common sense and most important, a sense of humor, a prerequisite for anything in the world." According to Stimpfle, "Success is not dependent on acquisition of knowledge. How you relate to people comes first, before knowledge has any meaning." Lester says, "Teaching takes a greater amount of physical strength than people realize, but it's so much fun for people who really want it."

The department recently received a letter from a '74 graduate, now teaching first grade. She wrote:

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THIS WEEK:

RECRUITER REMINDERS:
Oct. 17 - Northwestern University Graduate School of Management - 1-4
Oct. 23 - Boston College School of Law - 2:30-5:00
Drew University, Political Science - 2-4

NOVEMBER RECRUITERS:
Nov. 5 - U. S. Army Nurse Corps - 9-3

Nov. 6 - Goodyear Tire and Rubber - 9-4

Nov. 21 - New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences - 9-12

NOTICE: Rutgers University School of Law has cancelled their visit to Skidmore on Oct. 22.

Anyone interested in meeting with recruiters must sign up no sooner than two weeks in advance. Any student who misses an interview twice during the school year without giving the Career Planning Office a two-hour notice will not be allowed any further recruiter interviews.

The Office of Career Planning has received word that there will be a Government Career Day on Wednesday, November 13 from 9AM to 2PM at Russell Sage.

JANUARY TERM IN BUSINESS:

People interested in a business career can spend this January at General Electric in Hudson Falls, working on a project which they help to determine. An interview with GE and Career Planning is required. There is no obligation to work there after graduation. Any major is eligible. Anyone interested, contact CPO, x216.

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No Presidency for Kennedy in '76

By PENNY TOFFOLON

The Democrats breathed a little easier last week as Senator Edward Kennedy issued a "firm, final, and unconditional" decision that he would not be a Presidential candidate in 1976. Even with Kennedy as the front runner, Democratic Party officials had questioned whether Edward Kennedy could beat President Gerald Ford.

In this year of political chaos, Senator Kennedy gave the American public a surprise as he unequivocally refused to have his name placed in nomination, or accept any draft at the Democratic National Convention. It was an unusual step forward for politics; not often does a politician, who leads the polls in the race for Presidency by 43%, withdraw so early.

Kennedy's decision was based upon personal reasons at home; he stated that "his prime responsibilities were there." Few could deny that the Kennedy family has been torn by tragedy after tragedy. Just recently Kennedy's wife, Joan, has been undergoing psychiatric care for emotional problems, and last year their son, Teddy, Jr., had to have his leg amputated due to cancer. Lastly, there is the potential threat that some madman would try to assassinate the last Kennedy brother. The Kennedy family had suffered enough, and obviously Edward Kennedy realized the situation.

Even with Kennedy's decision based primarily on family matters, one cannot help but think that Kennedy was not thinking only of himself, but of the country also. If this is the case, then Kennedy's decision must be praised, for it has saved the country from an election of mudslinging and name calling. It was obvious that if Kennedy were the Democratic nominee, Chappaquiddick vs. Watergate would be the name of the game. The United States has suffered enough with the Watergate, and to add Chappaquiddick to the pile of political upheaval would be unhealthy.

Neither the Democrats, the country, nor Kennedy himself, wanted Chappaquiddick to rise again, causing the issues of credibility and legitimacy in government to be completely ignored. Perhaps Kennedy was saving face by withdrawing early but it took courage and an understanding of the political scene which faces the American public today to do so.



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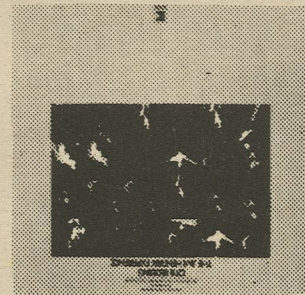
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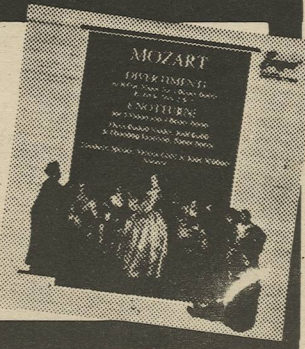
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Media Captures Essence of Women

By Casey Crabill

Television seems to be initiating a mission to capture the essence of today's women. Two recent films, made specifically for television, come to mind. The first dealt with rape; the second, with a woman who ceased to find fulfillment in her position as a wife/mother. These two films had an air of candor and naturalness that is still absent from commercial movies.

Needless to say, both areas covered by these films are of great concern and relevance to all women. More and more women are realizing that their potential goes far beyond the realm of housekeeping. Television films have shown a certain degree of sensitivity toward this trend, while movie studios are producing few commercial films in which women are naturally involved in anything more pres-

tigious than a secretary or a school teacher. Even prime time television series are beginning to deal with single and married women who work. There are two brand new series involving police women in which the activity centers around working women.

Rape is a real, vital concern of all women. While television introduced a film dealing honestly with a woman's trauma of rape, commercial movie studios

were busy making movies in which women are continually being sexually infringed upon. Television seems to slowly be progressing toward a recognition of the concerns and capabilities of the majority of the population. If men still want to see their warped fantasies of no-minded sexual beings, or dumb, placid, inactive housekeepers acted out, it looks as if they'll have to go to the movie theatres.

New Womens Tennis Team Shows Promise Against Competition

By CHRIS EVER-WRITE

After two weeks of tryouts, the following thirteen women made the women's team: CLASS OF '75; Pat Zagor, Pat Robinson, Barb Schoenberger, CLASS OF '76; Eileen Crowley, Oie Haydock, Chris Ehret, Brook Becker, CLASS OF '77; Ann Judd, Barb Foster, Peggy Levinson, CLASS OF '78; Beth Euis, Jennifer Ranz, and Doss Hammet.

Six of the Skidmore Women's Tennis Team participated in the Eastern Collegiate Tennis Tournament on October 4, 5, 6 at the State University College in New Paltz, N. Y. They went up against forty-four other schools. The Double's Team of Ann Judd and Beth Eustis defeated Claire Attara and Barb Attara from St. John's 6-4, 6-0. They played their second match against Devise Robinson and Olympia Spano from Queens College 7-6, 2-6, 6-7. Ann and Beth played in the Consolations against Nancy Browdy and Deb Lipincott from Pennsylvania University. Peggy Levinson and Barbara Schoenberger played doubles against Eileen Moretti and Cathi Martinson of Kean State for a score of 1-6, 1-6. They played their first match in Consolations and won. Their second match was against Robin Gottesman and Ginger Krans from Colgate University for a score of 2-6, 1-6. Eileen Crowley played singles against the fifth seed; Heidi Goeltz from Mary Baldwin College for a score of 1-6, 3-6. Eileen's consolation singles was against Beth Sciurba of Russell Sage College, 4-6, 6-7. Pat Robinson played singles against Janet Amacher from West Chester College, 2-6, 3-6. Pat played consolation singles against Cindy Stopper from Lock Haven College, 0-6, 0-6. It was

tough competition but it was a good team effort made by our Skidmore tennis players, and you can be sure Skidmore was represented well. It was quite an experience for the players and their coach Ms. Sue Molstad. - Wasn't it Sue?

Unfortunately, the first two matches for the women's team were rained out against the State University of New York and Kirkland College.

Last Wednesday, October 9th, the team played Middlebury College (home). The lineup went as follows:

- 1st Singles - Oie Haydock (1-6, 7-5, 0-6)
- 2nd Singles - Eileen Crowley (2-6, 3-6)
- 3rd Singles - Chris Ehert (2-6, 6-3, 7-6)
- 4th Singles - Ann Judd (6-4, 2-6, 6-2)
- 5th Singles - Barb Foster (0-6, 1-6)

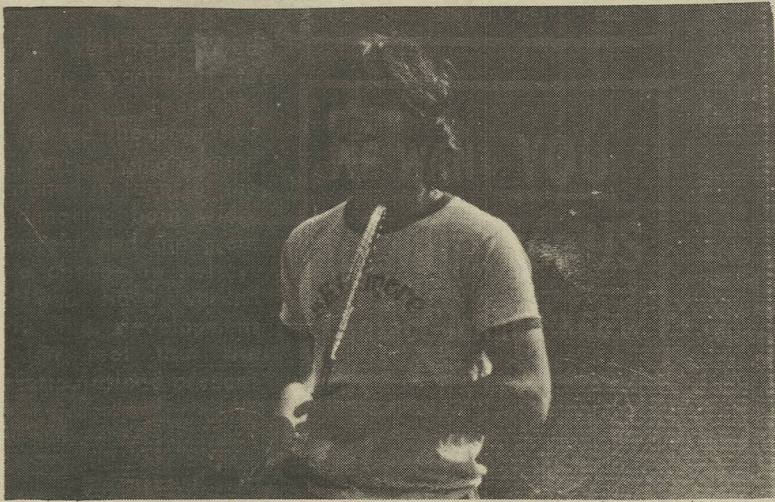
- 1st Doubles - Barb Schoenberger and Doss Hammett (0-6, 1-6)
- 2nd Doubles - Beth Euis and Jennifer Ranz (6-1, 6-0)

The overall score of this match was Skidmore - 2, Middlebury - 5. Despite the score, the matches were impressive and well played.

LATE REPORT: Skidmore won their second match against Union College (away) on Thursday, October 10th -- ALL WINS! NO LOSSES!!

COMING EVENTS OPEN TO PUBLIC:

- October 16 - Vassar College (Home), 4:00
- October 19 - Bard College (Home), 2:00
- October 21 - Green Mt. College (Home), 4:00
- October 25 - Russell Sage College (Home), 4:00



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(CPS) -- The Postal Service has announced that effective October 15, all envelopes with no postage and no return address will be sent to the dead letter office, rather than being forwarded postage-due to the addressee.

The move came in response to the widespread practice of millions of consumers who send bill payments to the phone and other utility companies with no postage, thus forcing the receivers to pay an additional 10c to get their money. The practice started several years ago and has escalated as rising utility and phone rates have caused consumers to seek some small personal satisfaction while paying their bills.

The Postal Service now says that such letters will go to the dead letter office, because the utility companies simply refuse to pick up the tab any more. So, if you try to send your payment with no stamp, it will never get there and the utility company will keep coming after you for the money.

According to a Denver spokesman for the Postal Service the new policy will also apply to mail other than utility payments. Any mail or parcels mailed without a return address and stamp will be swallowed forever by the Postal Service.

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Gary Davidson; Today's Criminal In Sports Expansion

By CAROL GORDON

When people ask me why I prefer the sports page to any other part of the paper I offer this: Where else in the paper can you read of human achievement rather than disaster? If that doesn't suffice, I tell them I can't read, but the pictures in the sports page turn me on. But with news of contract hassles, death threats, court injunctions, and new leagues expanding to Kutztown, Montana, appearing on the sports section, even the most fanatical sports fanatic may be driven to read only the comics with their morning coffee.

Today, the most celebrated criminal in sports expansion has to be Gary Davidson. When he shocked the hockey world with his World Hockey Association he also diluted the available talent to a level unable to be replenished. Because so few truly talented players populate the hockey world today, room is made to accommodate players of questionable hockey skill, but celebrated fighting ability. The Philadelphia Flyers took (dare I say "earned"?) the championship last spring with a team boasting these qualities.

Still thirsty for blood, Davidson moved on to slaughter another already over-expanded sport: football. With visions of Lamar Hunt fame dancing in his head, Davidson drew up twelve teams and put them in the World Football League. If you combine the National Football League,

with its conferences and divisions, with the WFL, you have thirty eight football teams to choose from.

Davidson once again forgot a few ingredients when he formed the new league. No matter how you try to get around it, the fan pays the players' paychecks. Without fans and their interest, professional sports cannot exist. But Davidson still dictated major league ticket prices for minor league performances.

The owner of the California Sun of the WFL was recently indicted by a federal grand jury on three counts for making false statements to obtain bank loans, one of which was to go to the team. The Jacksonville Sharks, second in league attendance, missed payday for a month. No checks were in sight until the players refused to play. The Detroit Wheels, among other things, cannot afford to film their games, clean their uniforms, and even went programless at one game. And finally, the Florida Blazers cut ticket prices from \$7.00 to \$2.50, without improving attendance.

Such blatant lack of fan interest should reach Davidson. Instead, he continues his crusade to destroy sport. Gone are the days when you can boast knowing the height and weight of every player on every team. Gone are the days when you can sit with some friends and a couple of six-packs and watch a good football game.

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