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ith this issue, THE COLLEGIAN says hello to a new decade and good to an old. The coming of the eighties and the passing of the aner of the manifestation of dreams; and particularly about the manship between the "ideal" and the "real" St. John's.
lation of us, the St. John's of our dreams is quite unlike the or most of us, the st. John's of earth, brick and mortar we tread upon each day. atalogue onnected existences, two entities with quite different modes aguely being. location in space and time and a pale reflection of the The question then arises: "Which one is the more REAL and the The quest REALIZED, the Same that is a beautiful form or the more to be the locus of some sweetness and much sourness?" It may that Forms are best left in the mind so that matter may be formed ach according to his visions, or it may the more be that the Form ithe to be materialized so that all may share in a common ught tenaciolized ideal

We fly amongst the blazing superstars of the checquered ascent of western spirit, the high points, the demigods who showed the way, it seems, then, that it ought to be our duty to, at least, catch glint from the constellation of the greats. It matters little to ow what a great so and so said if one shares nothing in the spirit t moved him the spirit of revolution, imagination, innovation, and hat moved him, lmost seems as if the great weight of the great books hangs over St. ohn's like a smothering cloud, a smog in which neurosis is exponenally magnified. Whereas, on the contrary, they should be an irrion something of our best selves.

What we are suggesting is that there is a gap between the "ideal" and the "real" St. John's, the St. John's that "ought to be" and the St. John's that "is." The beginning of a new decade, we hope, will Give us a wonderful excuse to rethink and redo the "real" St. John's o that there might be a bridge on which we may walk across the chasm. It is many years after we have left that we will understand why we are here, what it means to us, and how much what is is what ought. By then, St. John's may be a shimmering dreamlike memory; but still we will probably say "Ah! If I only knew then what I know now! Why did do so little with so much during my halcyon college days?" St. John's is not the only place that preserves the great books, so maybe ve should leave slavish allegiance to letters to talmudists, graduate shool brahmins and other scholars in the dank, obscure dungeons of the world's great libraries. The possibility for greatness is here If we only learn how to tap more the spirit and less the letter of the greats.

We hope you have a merry Christmas and a prosperous new decade of rappily realized dreams.

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## Tale of Gols

"We"11 tell them that gold and silver of a divine sort from the gods they have in their souls always and have no further need of the human sort."

Republic, Bk. 3, 416e
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By God, I reckon you're not going to believe this story I'm about to tell, and I sure won't hold that against you, naturally, but man, it really happened, it really did, but (you know, I never trusted a man that said 'but," let alone twice in the same sentence) but the fact that it's true or not doesn't matter a tad bit, see, what ratters is the story itself, know what I mean? I guess I'll stop talking nonsense and just tell it the way it sort of was.

## II

When I went to Anburey College everybody there thought Edgar Wingfiel was crazy, and maybe he reaily was, in a kind of way. See, I still can make up my mind about him. He wasn't all that crazy, but then again, he might not have been playing with what you call a full deck either. Most of the time he would act real funny and he would rattle on and on about nothing in particular, one thing he would say not connecting in a real logical way with the next thing; and the rest of the time he was so quiet you could scarce believe he even knew how to speak, and he would act just like a child, just like a little child. But then there were these two other times that I'II going to. tell you about when he and I were alone together and we talked and he was as articulate and as intelligent as any man I've ever know-even though what we actually did that one night was really crazier than hell. And I bet there wasn' a thing that happened on that campus that Edgar didn't know about. Man he had ears in a thousand different places at once. He also knew all about the plants and trees at Anburey. He could tell you every little detail there was to know, from A to Israel, about every green living thing on that campus. I tell you, he knew about nature, and God, did he have a way with roses. Edgar loved roses. You see, he was the gardener at Anburey. He had been for many years. I kind of think the position of gardener was created especially for him, and the story about how he got it also explains a little more what I've been telling you about people thinking Edgar was mad and all.

To tell it all rightly, I'll have to go back a ways. It seems
To came from one of those families, from New York I believe, that gdgar came had scads of money, so much money they were able to just nas always had it away, and that's what Edgar's father did for a living. give some of you might call a philanthropist. He was the chairman of He was what foundation that gave money to charities and hospitals, you the family foundation that gave mon Anburey, and he had sent Edgar's know, good causes. He had gone to Anburey, and he had, sent ind bet older fuct in the Wingfield nature to go to Anburey, just like them swallows jus about flying back every year to some ruined spanish mission near I hear in the south of California. God, I've always wanted to see them birds. Anyways, Edgar's Dad was also good friends with the them bresident of Anburey and he was always donating money to the College. By the time Edgar was a senior at Anburey, some of the teachers
git he was the brightest boy they had ever seen. I overheard one them say that before it all happened, he thought Edgar was the only隹 that he had ever met. Now I don't know what that's supposed to mean and all, but I hear Edgar was going to graduate Summa Cum Laude, the only one the college had ever had. See, the faculty there aidn't believe in giving Sumna Cum Laude's. It was a sort of tradiion at Anburey. That was, until Edgar came along and some of the faculty changed their minds about it. Other teachers didn't want to oreak the tradition and I hear there was a big fight about it at their faculty meetings and stuff. But Edgar would only receive it if he got high marks on his senior thesis and his oral examination. He had reeived some special scholarship or other to go to some top-notch shool in England. He was supposed to study there for a year and then he was going to study medecine at John's Hopkins where his admittance had been delayed a year. See, he had it all worked out.

But during the time he's writing this important thesis of his, he gets this phonecall and he finds out his Mom and Dad and his brother and sister have been killed in an airplane crash. They had been on their way to some function together in the small private plane his Dad owned and loved to fly all over the place and somehow he got to flying too low and just like that, boom, right into the side of a mountain. The story goes that right there and then Edgar lost it. Now I bet Edgar has always been of a delicate nature, you can see it just by looking at him, and the thought he would never see his family again was just too much for him and something inside him broke, just plain broke. It sort of reminds me of one of those belts on the
swather Hy Dad owned. Man, they were always breaking because there always so much stress put on them in so many different ways, and when they broke the rest of the machine wouldn't work. Except then, you could fizit. It took some doing and it was a right messy job and all but you could do it. In Edgar's case, though, if it really did happen, you couldn't see what broke so as you could go about fising it. Some guy who was living on his floor came out a while after the call and he saw Edgar sitting on the floor, laughing his fool head off and still holding on the phone even though no one was on the other end and it was buzzing and all. So I guess from that point on, people started lookinc at him sort of funny.


Edgar went home for the funeral and when he got back to school he got an extension and tried to finish his thesis. But then he started acting really funny. It seems he had something against people sleeping One time he climbed up in the bell tower late at night and started banging on the bell with a hamer and shouting stuff at the top of his lungs. He also had this record of bagpipes and he would open his window and tum the stereo up real loud and just blast the campus with the sond of bagpipes. I can imagine what the rest of the student body was going through, because the way I see it, there's nothing worse than bagpipes for driving a man out of his gourd. He would lock his door so no one could get in until someone got the guard to come up and open it. By that.time Edgar would have turned it off and crawled into bed and he would pretend he was asleep. He stopped going to classes and he never handed in his senior thesis; so he was never able to graduate and receive his diploma. The President of Anburey felt sorry for him, on account of him knowing his parents and all, and I guess he saw that no one in his right mind would hire Edgar, see, he thought Edgar had lost it, too. He decided to take care of him by giving him a job at school and that way he could keep his eye on him, look after him and stuff, know whet I mean? He called Edgar into his office one day and asked him what he wanted to do when he left school and Edgar said he wanted to work with roses. The President thought about it
and cou position of gardener for Edgar and paid his salary out of his on pocket, and be has been therechaking the campus look pretty since. That's beer felye years now I figure.

Wow Ion ${ }^{2} t$ krow if that's all true or not. It's all collected rom bits of gossip I overheard when I was at Anburey. But sometimes from bit school. people would talk such foolishness about each other at that in't believe it. I guess you would have to go there to know you w'm talking about. See, people there won't even know you, yet hey will talk all ahout what kind of person you, are behind your back they if they had been your best friend for years and really did know you well. For some reason, they must like to be nasty about it, too, you wetimes, I don't know why, maybe it's because people are just that way naturally, know what I mean? Or maybe it was just the place itself. eople there that sort of knew you would pass as you walked across the campus and wouldn't even say hi. They would stare at the ground and wouldn't even raise their eyes to look at you. I don't think Anburey was what you might call a frienaly place, at least the way I see it. was maybe it was because all the students there were just kids still, and I remember having to stop and think about what it was like when I was their age. See. I began to doubt what people said about Edgax because I started hearing the things they said about me. Folks there thought I was crazy too.
Maybe I really was crazy and all for going to Anburey and thinking would ever find what I hoped to find there. I suppose I shouldn't blame the students for thinking the way they did because I was just so much different from them. I would hazard that most of the students were from the East and were from upper midale class and upper class families. They grew up in the suburbs or in the big city. Their parents had all probably gone to college too and they were white collar workers in some way or another. Funny thing was I sometimes got to thinking that all the students there looked exactly alike, from out of the same mold, so to speak.

Now me, I grew up on the scrabbiest piece of land in Goshen Hole, Wroming. My grandfather died young and my father had to drop out of high school to take over the ranch. The first thing he did was to change the place into a hog farm. People thought he was nuts. No one had ever raised pigs in those parts before, at least not on a big scale. Buy my Dad had his reasons. He hated horses and he told me
he never wanted to be bucked from a horse again as long as he lived Le had even thought about working the cows on motorcycles, littled. bikes, but I guess he finally figured that wasn't too practical. So he decided.to raise hogs. Don't have to ride a horse to raise a ho, see. When I was 17, my father broke his back and he sold the land. I don't think he minded that too much. He didn't like farming parti cularly. 'A pile of work,' he always said. "Just a pile of work parti We moved into Torrington and he found a job in a hardware store after he recovered.


I went to the State University and majored in History. I went on and did Master's work, too. I wanted to go on and get a Doctorate. See, I really tried to stay in school just to avoid the draft. But then the money for scholarships dried up so I couldn't continue any longer. I no longer had a deferment and my number in the draft lottery was low. I tell you one thing, by God. I didn't want to go to Viet Nam, no way, so I enlisted real quick. I was lucky enough to get stationed in Germany. It wasn't too bad there. I stayed high most of the time and managed to do what I had to do. I was a cable splicer. When I got out, I went home to Wyoming and got a job working for the phone company. I did that for a while, but man, I got real tired of that in a hurry, just the same old stuff day in and day out. I can't stand that. I always got to feel like I'm learning something or else I'm not very happy. I don't know why that is, I guess it's just my nature or something. But I found this job working for a cabinet maker an old guy named Dan. You talk about genius, Jesus, was that old man clever with his hands. He was a craftsman from the old school and he was a real master of setting jigs, all sorts of jigs. He was teaching me everything he knew, too.
nid Dan was an interesting sort of guy, and $I$ wouldn't be lying to if I said he was probably the most influential man in my life, pu more than my own Dad, and that's saying a lot, know what I mean even moved to talk about ideas, almost just for the sake of the talk He lolf. He wasn't a religious man by any stretch of the imagination, in the sense that he never went to church on Sundays and stuff like in that,解 but he lit he roved to talk about most, especially the stories and the old Testament. He would come in the shop in the morning and from the he'd quote a littie passage out what it meant all during the day as and talk and try and something he said one day really touched me and re worked. I guess something he said one day really touched me and r started think a few years before, because musing over it all the thinking aber got me anywhere but to feeling pretty miserable. I suppose time neve'd never settled the question I had, it was bound to turn up ecaus, and so when it did. I knew then that I'd better settle it once again, for all.

I figured I had to read a lot more stuff, and ceratin authors who ould talk specifically about the question I had. I also had to go wo a place where I could talk with a lot of people thinking the same thoughts, and where you could talk seriously about them and not seem ike you're a fool. I had my G.I. Bill, so I figured what the heck, 'd go back to school. I looked pretty hard to find the right place la po they had this special exand Anburey College seemed tike the place. They had this speciai ex perimental program where your classes weren't lectures like I d been books I've mentioned. I applied and got accepted and I decided to go. My Mom and Dad were convinced I was a little touched in the head. They didn't really understand. I reckon their natures are just different from mine. But I think Dan kind of understood. My last day ferent from mine. But I think Dan kind of understood. My las $\begin{aligned} & \text { working with him he said to me, 'Now I don't know what I said to get }\end{aligned}$ you all bent out of shape. And I'm sorry for it. But you just be dam careful, you understand me? What you're doing is like trying to o it alone up in the mountains. I tell you, only the experienced survive, and that's the God awful truth.'

As you can see by now, I wasn't your regular member of the freshman class. Everybody has to start at the beginning at Anburey, no matter where you've been before or how educated you are. That's all part of the deal there. I think I scared a lot of people there at first because they never really knew me enough to get a handle on where I was
coming from. I lived off campus by myself. I mingled a little, but I rever talked about myself at anl. Outside of class, if I wasn't studying, I spent my time in the woodshop which nobody else hardly used. That's a shame, too, because it was a right good little shop. But I think what most scared everybody was that I never talked in class That way, they could never see what I was thinking and couldn't really make a judgment about me. It wasn't that I didn't have nothing to say, that wasn't it at all. It was just that everybody else was saying it for me. It was like watching a play where all the different Farts of your soul are talking to each other. But when you come right down to brass tacks, I discovered I wasn't able to talk in groups. One on one was fine, like with old Dan; I think it was partly my upbringing. My Mom and Dad were just not much for talk. My Dad was always saying to me, 'Better to remain silent and thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt." Then Mom liked to always say, "There was an old owl that lived in an oak, the more he saw, the less he spoke, the less he spoke, the more he heard, why can't we be like that old bird. You know that one? I kind of get a kick out of it Anyway, I just did my share of listening, and I think that made people uncomfortable, so I don't think they really liked me all that much.

Then, before class one day, when most everybody was there, the teacher just out of the blue asked me what the hell I was doing at Anburey anyway. And I told him point blank, without mincing words or nothing. After that everybody was convinced that I was a little bit crazy. I'm sure it was all over that tiny campus, because people I'd never met started looking at me real funny. But nobody ever asked me any questions again either. Except Edgar.

## IV

The first time I talked with Edgar was one day during the Thanksgiving vacation. Most everybody else had gone home and the campus was real peaceful and quiet for a change without lots of people running around every which way, and man, was it ever warm. I'll always remenber that year because it was the warmest fall I've ever seen. People on the radio said it was the warmest it had been in God knows how long. It was nice and all, but damn; once all the leaves were off the trees, it felt unnatural to be walking around in shirt sleeves as if it was spring or something, know what I mean? But I kind of knew it wouldn't last so I tried to enjoy it.

I had been working on a project in the woodshop the friday morning
fter Thanksgiving and at noon I decided to head on home. I crossed mintire and Ashton Halls. I passed by the large rose garden there. Mcl saw Edgar in it. He was in faded blue overalls and he wore pads I Saw knees. He had on big leather gloves like an engineer's, and on his straw hat with a tiny hole in its crown. He knelt on the ground a big straw hat with a tiny hole in its crown. He knelt on ting handfuls of soil in around a small rose bush he had and wast planted.
just planced hed first started his job as gardener, the square was just grassy area. In its center was an old cannon from Revolutionary a grassy times dredged up from Queenston Bay. The first thing Eagar did was times get the grounds crew to move the cannon to over in front of
to get thery Hall. He didn't have permission, but he managed it anyway. supposedly it caused quite a ruckus. I guess it was because the cannon supposediy historic and $a l l$ and nobody wanted to take the chance that it might was damaged, or sonething like that. I never understood why they kept that God awful thing around. I mean it was so ugly and all, its bore that filled up with concrete and stuff. Anyway, Edgar then built a waist-high, twin-rail fence around the perimeter of the grassy area and planted some trailing roses and made them grow hedgelike along it. That first year he also planted two dozen rose bushes in a single row along the side closest to McIntire. Year after year, by buying new bushes and taking cuttings from those original plants, he started another row or two. Slowly but surely he was turning the whole place into nothing but rose bushes. The damndest thing about it was that all the roses were white. There wasn't a red or yellow or pink or orange one in the whole kit 'n kaboodle. Up to that time I could never figure that one out, I mean, Jesus, could you?

I didn't think that he had noticed me and I was going to just walk right on by. I never really paid Edgar any mind. If he actually was crazy, I surely dian't want to talk with him, I mean, there's no sense in talking with a crazy man, now is there? Then I heard him shout: "You: Hah: Ha, ha: Have you found it? Hah, surely you shall not!"

I stopped and looked and Edgar was watering the newly planted area.
looked like he hadn't said a thing.
"What did you say, pal?"
He laughed real loud and then faced me and pointed at me.
"You heard me . . . pal," he said. He imitated my voice real good, too, I have to give him that.


He turned and weat back to his work．He picked up a spade and started digging another hole．A wheel－barrow stood close by him filled with some flowerless and leafless rose canes with scraggly roots．Seven fresh mounds with cane tips sticking out of each y made a row up to where he stood．

For some reason，I felt like talking with this character．I walked through the opening in the hedge and stood next to him and watched him dig
＂How do you know？I asked，playing with him．
He didn＇t look at me，but I could see hin just sort of spile．He finished digging and knelt down on the ground．He pulled some of the dirt back into the hole and formed it in the shape of a cone．It looked like good soil，too，nice and loamy，with lots of good organi matter in it．Then he pickedup atrowel that was laying on the ground． He offered it to me．
＂I do not well understand．will you play upon this pipe？＂
＂What？
He smiled to himself again．
Then he said，＂Grab one of those bushes will you for me please sir？＂

I laughed and did what he asked．He took the bush and looked at it closely．He pulled a broken root from it and then held the bush out toward me．

Cinderella，meet Diogenes，＂he said to the domant plant，very formal like．He addressed me，＂Diogenes，meet Cinderella．＂

He laid the roots of the bush over the cone of dirt in the hole and he held the bush firmly with one hand，and with the other，buried the roots with soil．He stood up and stamped around the plant．
＂Bring me that hose，will you please sir？＂he said．
I did so．I kind of laughed again．I wasn＇t playing with him． he was playing with me．I had the funny feeling right then that this was no crazy man at all．

Edgar took the hose and filled the remaining hole with water．We Edgar took it slowly filled the hole and then ran over the edges． watched $k n e l t$ down again and pulled more soil around the plant and formed gagarnd．He stood up and walked over and turned the water off．He a moun．back and sat on the ground．He took off his gloves and laid them me back They stayed in the shape of his hands，as if there was still down．Elesh in them．Funny how old gloves are like that．He took out live pipe and lit it and leaned back on his elbow．I couldn＇t see his a pipe for the brim of his hat．All＇s I could see was this big beard face long out froil under it．
sticking out frow who Diogenes was，don＇t you？＂he said．
＂you do
＂Never found what he was looking for，did he？＂
＂nope．＂
＂Nope，＂he imitated．Then he said in his own voice，＂And what akes you think you＂re different？＂
＂It＇s not exactly the same thing．＂
＂No，not precisely，but almost．It almost is，I believe．＂
＂And just how do you know so much？＂
＂I don＇t know anything，＂he said and he looked up at me．It was the first time I＇d really seen him up close．He had a gentle face． I quess it was really his eyes．Like a child＇s．

Then he added，＂Honestly．＂
I thought a moment and then sat down next to him．
＂You got some more tobacco？＂I asked．
He nodded and took out a pouch．I took some cigarette papers from my shirt pocket and rolled myself a smoke．I never was much for ready－mades．I lit．it up and handed him back his pouch．
＂You know，H⿰亻⿱丶⿻工二十⿴⿱冂一⿰丨丨丁口𧘇 Mom is nuts about roses，too，＂I said．＂I don＇t know what got into her head，but one day she just decided she was going to grow roses．She had my old man make her a little place where the pigs couldn＇t get in and had him fetch some cow manure from a neighbor． Hell，we had tons of pig shit all over the place，but no，she wanted cow manure．She had read in some book about how it was the best fertilizer for roses and all．It had to be a little rotten，too． So，my old man went and got it for her．I tell you，she is real serious about it．She goes to shows and stuff．She＇s even won a prize．Her dream is to breed her own rose．She＇s even got a name already planned for it．＂
＂What is it？＂
＂She won＇t tell anybody．But she says she has one，and I believe her．I sort of hope she finds her new breed，just so I can find out
what the name is. Now this time of year, she is working real hard to bundle up her bushes for the winter. I guess you don't have to do that here.
"No," Edgar said. "The winter's here are not harsh enough."
"I tell you one thing, you've done a right good job here. I bet ny man just love to see your garden.

I have not done a thing It so happens that this lictle square is perfect for roses. I often think Jehovah himself planned it that way It's virtually sheltered from all winds. The soil is heavy. There's excellent drainage, see how it slopes slightly? There's plenty of moning sun, and not too much in the late afternoon. The sun gets blocked off by hcintire. All that I have done is water them and give them a little kindness. But you wait. You wait about ten years. The you bring your mother here. You haven't seen anything. I am not even close to finished. I'm going to cover this entire square with roses and inthe middle I'm going to build a shall trellissed gazebo and grow roses to cover that. In the midale I shall put a little oak bench. Then when the flowers start blooning, I'm going to sit there early in the morning, just when the sun is rising, and just breathe it all in, That's why I have planted nothing but Margaret Merrills. They are the most fragrant.

We were silent for a time and then he said:
"Meanwhile the Mind, from pleasure less,
withdraws into its happiness:
The Mind, that ocean where each kind
Does streight its own resemblance find,
Yet it creates, transcending these
Far other Worlds, and other seas;
Anninilating all that's made
To a green Thought in a green Shade. "
"Where's that from?" I asked.
He just shook his head and was silent. I looked at him for a while.
"Tell me, Edgar," I said, "when you going to stop play acting?"
"How are you so sure I'm acting?
"Come on, man."
Edgar sat up. He pulled at a blade of grass. He looked at it and then broke it in two and threw it back on the ground.
"Maybe I did go off the deep end there for a while after my parents died," he said. "When I recovered, I suddenly saw the latitude people were giving me, and I liked that. All of a sudden, nobody expected some great feat from the child prodigy, no achievement for the newefit $\frac{m a n k i n d . ~ T h a t ' s ~ t h e ~ w a y ~ i t ~ h a d ~ a l w a y s ~ b e e n ~ f o r ~ m e . ~ I ~ d i s c o v e r e d ~ I ~}{4}$
sily didn"t want to do all that. But maybe someday I could do something realle for one man. Anyway, by playing mad, I'm free from all that resimple fibility that was put on me."
sponsut don't you think that's a tad bit foolish?"
"Any more foolish than you are by your matriculation at this College? If you ask me; I believe you are the biggest fool I've ever met."
"And just how do you know so much about why I'm here?"
He shrugged. . "I don"t."
"Well, how come you pretend like you can't even add $1+1$ when everybody else is around, and with me, right now, you're talking straight? bont is pleasant to have a civilized discussion every now and then. I believe that Montaigne said, yes, Montaigne indeed: 'The most fruitful and natural exercise of the mind is discussion. I find it sweeter than any other action of our life." I think that's partly true. I think we are both alike in a certain way."
"How do you mean?"
"I don't know." He stood up. "Well, break time is over. I must get back to my roses."
"well, I reckon I'd better be getting along too." I stood up.
Edgar held out his hand. "It was good talking to you, friend."
we shook hands. "It was," I said. "Maybe we can talk some more some time."
"Most certainly, he said. He turned and walked over to turn the water back on. I started to walk away. Then I heard him shout:
"Hah: You! Diogenes: Read Lear:"
"What did you say?"
"Lear, Eriend, it's all there."
"What?"
"Just read it. Goodbye."
I just shook my head and walked away. END OF PART I - TO BE CONTINUED

George Willard



## The Skeleton of Sacialism

by John E. Stevenson
sefore the 1917 revolution in Russia, there might have been some cuse for alleging that Marxist Socialism or Fabianist Socialism is exclenomic theory with social and political effects, or a political an tory with economic and social effects, or even a social theory with theotical and economic effects, motivated by benevolence aimed at the poltion of a better man--the altruistic man--and a utopian worla creation equally and with equality by all.

Today, that belief still persists among many despite the histori-
Today, philosophical, political and economic evidence and history that trishes and disproves the claims by its various prophets and sympapizers. Cone needs only to look in the daily papers and read about thil the atrocities committed by pol Pot and to discover and to understand that the socialist will condone, sanction and accept, the abolition of all freedom and all rights, the exporiation of all property, executions without trial, torture chambers, slave-labor camps, and the mass slaughter of countless millions in the name of humanity, peace, and equality.

Anyone who thinks that the tragedy inflicted by the socialists on the people of Cambodia is an isolated incident or even a failure of cialism has only to examine the historical record of socialism in his century to detect that this trail of bones is not an isolated vent, or even a failure of socialism, but a political pattern that has repeated itself in Russia, China, Rorea, Cuba, and every other nation that has been chained or has chained itself to the socioeconomic ideological claims of the Marxists:

In those nations which have adopted the basic tenets of socialism, not completely the abject historical account, economic paralysis and collapse has ensued. The alleged goals of the socialists and socialism per se were: the abolition of poverty, the achievement of general prosperity, progress, peace, and human brotherhood. Yet, to date, these goals have not been achieved, and socialism has proved itself to be a terrifying failure in its efforts to improve the general welfare of markind.

The apologists for socialism, be they Marxists, Fabians, or Owenites, argue that these failures are temporary; that given a period of time prosperity for $a 11$ will indeed come; and that the whole of mankind will benefit from the planning of the proletariat's advance guard. Yet, after more than half a century of social planning,

Russia is still unable to feed and cloth her people, although some could argue that she has found the final solution to the prodlem of over-population-the deliberate annihilation of her people.

There. are many myths enshrouding socialism. One is this notion, that a man or a woman can have full citizenship in a socialist state, Let us ask: "what is the nature of this full citizenship? What form does it take? And, most importantly, can one have full citizenship in a state which claims to own and the right to use your life in any form that the social planners deem appropriate?"

Another myth is this notion of equality and its compatability with freedom. One could argue quite cogently and correctly that the exter mination of the mass of mankind is a form of equality; or that the denial of property rights is a form of equality, insofar as everyone is treated alike by the proletariat's advance guard; but in no way can one argue that freedom exists in such a world. Freedom includes the idea that a man must be able to choose his values and actions ezclusively by reason, that he has the right to exist for his own sake, and that no one has the right to seel values from others by physical force.

The word 'equality' in the political sense, is an extremely abstract notion, since it denies the right of the individual man or woman to differentiate among various degrees of quality. In fact the abstractness of the word denies the existence of various degrees of quality-everything and everyone is the same.

Personally, I find such a notion absurd, and I suspect that many other people do too: especially the intellectuals of the proletariat's advance guard. Nevertheless, people do still advance this idea of equality as something noble and good, and even to be desired, and fought for.

Let's suppose that such a state of equality can be achieved. What would be the nature of it? Alexis de Tocqueville wrote: "The foremost or indeed the sole, condition required in order to succeed in centralizing the supreme power in a democratic comanity is to love equality or to get men to believe you love it. Thus, the science of despotism, which was once so complex, has been simplified and reduced, as it were, to a single principle."

The principle is that since men are unequal in abilities by nature, the police powers of the state, or the proletariat's advance guard must be created to force men to be equal. Would the proletariat's advance guard, who would be in charge of implementing, creating and enforcing this state of equality, decide that all mankind should be made literate or illiterate? What would be done with those in society that 18
already literate, if this group of moral guardians decided that wileracy was the desired course? What would be done with those who i11iteracy made literate, if iiteracy was decided to be the desired nnot se mould, over a period of time, the educational standards be notm? Shor order to produce a class of non-literates? Should job lowered be more emphasized than intellectual skills? Should parents be skills the custody of their children, if any of these goals were allowed to be desired as social telos? These are all such questions deemed would have to be answered by anyone desiring such an egalitarian that wour mankind.
state ceorge Bernard Shaw, a socialist of a bygone era, wrote that the schools principles the iniquity of private property, the paramount im-
first first portance of equality of income, and the criminality of idleness.' portance schools in the world today do this exact thing. However, I think most of us realize that a school should not teach mankind dogma, but rather to think critically and constructively about the nature of but rings and our relationship with that nature. In a socialist state, man is denied the right and privilege to think rationally; instead, he is told that the highest aim, the most noble goal in life is to serve the will of the state and cause of the socialist class struggle or utopia. If any man refuses, or doubts the validity of the state to make such a claim on his freedom, this man is deprived economically, socially, and politically. In effect, he is told that he must do the will of the state as decided by the proletariat's advance guard, or else die. There is no midale ground of choice, or even discussion. simply put--the state has a right to everything, man himself has a right to nothing. Can a man attain a state of full citizenship in such a state? Should the state be allowed the right to everything? or should there be some restraint made on the state, and some protection for the individual to pursue his own interest, provided that that interest does not infringe upon those of his neighbors?

If anyone doubts that the essential claim of the socialist is the absolute power to control and plan the lives of the mass of mankind, I hereby submit as evidence another quotation of George Bernard Shaw, one of the more benign socialists: "We have to confess it: Capitalist mankind in the lump is detestable. Class hatred is not a mere matter of envy on the part of the poor and contempt and dread on the part of the rich. Both rich and poor are really hateful in themselves. For my part. I hate the poor and look forward eagerly to their extermination. I pity the rich a little, but am equally bent on their extermination. The working classes, the business classes, the professional
classes, the propertied classes, the ruling classes, are each more odious than the other: they have no right to live. I should despair if I did not know that they will all die presently, and that thereir no need on earth why they should be replaced by people like themse is Such a statement, made in 1928, serves to illuminate much about the nature of socialisg and the historical record of human anihilation done in its name. Every class of man, the various divisioms of lab are to be systematically destroyed, or made to serve the dictates af men with contempt for markind similar to Shaw's.

Again, I ask, can such a thing as full citizenship be achieved in a state which aims at the equalization of misery and poverty? Can such a state even be achieved? won't some men become the mastere other men become slaves? Is the socialistic virtua in fact more nobl than the capitalistic virtue? Is equality competable with freedom in a state which denies even the most brilliant of men a choice?

Aleander Solzhenitsyn. Fussian exile, wrote in Waming to the West ${ }^{m}$ Human nature is full of ridales and contradictions; its very comples ity engenders art-and by art I mean the search for something more than simple linear formulations, flat solutions, oversimplifications. One of these riddles is: how is it that people who have been crushed by the sheer weight of slavery and cast to the botton of the pit can nevertheless find the strength to rise up and free themselves, first in spirit and then in body; while those who soar unhampered over the peaks defend it, and hopelessly confused and lost alnost begin to crave slavery. Or again: why is it that societies which have been benumbed for half a century by lies they have been forced to swallow Eind themselves a certain lucidity of heart and soul which enables then to see things in their true perspective and to perceive the rea weaning of events; wereas societies with access to every kind of information suddenly plunge into lethargy, into a kind of mass blindness, a kind of voluntary self-deception.

The decline of contemporary thought has been hastened by the misty phantom of socialism. Socialism has created the illusion of quenching people's thirst for justice: Socialism has lulled their consciences into thinking that the steamroller which is about to flatten them is a blessing in disguise, a salvation. And socialism, more than anything else, has caused public hypocrisy to thrive; it has enabled Europe to ignore the annihilation of 66 million people on its very borders.

There is not even a single precise definition of socialism that is generally recognized: all we have is a sort of hazy shimmering concept
of something good, something noble, so that two socialists talking to of sother about socialism might just as well be talking about different things. And, of course, any new style African dictator can call ent thself a socialist without fear of contradiction.
but socialism deries logic. You see, it is an emotional impulse, a kind of religion, and nobody has the slightest need to study or even to read the teachings of its early prophets. Their books are juaged by hearsay: their conclusions are accepted ready made. Socialism is by headed with a passionate lack of reason; it is never analyzed; it's proof against all criticism. Socialism, especially Marxian socialism, uses the neat device of declaring all serious criticism "outside the framework of possible discussion; ${ }^{\circ}$ and one is required to accept 95\% of socialist doctrine as a "basis for discussion"-all that is left to argue about is the remaining 5 \%.

There is another myth here, too: namely, that socialism represents a sort of ultra-modern structure, an altemative to dying capitalism. And yet it existed ages and ages before any sort of capitalism.

My friend. Academician Igor Shafarevich, has shown in his extensive study of socialism that socialistic systens, which are being used today to lure us to some halcyon future, made up the greatest portion of the previous history of mankind in the ancient East, in China, and were repeated in the bloody experiments of the Reformation. As for the socialist doctrines, he has shown that they have emerged far later but still have been with us for over two thousand years; and that they originated not in an eruption of progressive thought as people think nowadays, but as a reaction--Plato's reaction against Athenian Democracy, the Gnosticis reaction against Christianity--against the dynamic world of individualism and as a retum to the impersonal stagnant world of antiquity. And if we follow the explosive sequence of socialist doctrines and socialist utopias preached in Europe--by Thomas Moore, Campanella, Winstanly, Morelli, Deschamps, Babeur, Fourier, Marx and dozens of others-we cannot help but shudder as they openly proclaim certain features of that terrible society. It is. about time we called upon right-minded socialists calmily and without prejudice to read, say, a dozen of the major works of the major prophets of European socialism and to ask themselves: "Is this really that social ideal for which they would be prepared to sacrifice the lives of countless others and even to sacrifice their own?"

It is striking to note that Solzhenitsyn argues that the west is in decline, not because of a failure of capitalism, but because of an uncritical acceptance of socialistic dogma, and that despite the claims that socialism will overtake capitalism, it has been tried before and

Eailed to provide for the general welfare of man.
Should we simply disuiss his elaims? Should we acknowledge him as a mar gone insane, an hysteric quack with a gross misrepresentation o historical events and movements?

Let me return again to Bernard Shaw. He argued that as capitalism failed, democratic goverments would be faced with the fact that the ony real remedy involves increased taxation, compulsory reorganization or frank nationalization of the bankrupt industries, and compusory national service in civil as in military life for all classes."

Simply put--this means that the state has the right to everything: that if the state so ordains it can take a man, place him in a labor camp to erect a monument to some Ozymandias, tax that man $110 \%$, and beat him if he refuses to work. In another age, we would call this slavery; in this age we call it socialism.

Rome, one of the earliest welfare states, fell, bankrupted by bureaucratic extravagances and burdensome taxation, while its emporors built enomous public works glorifying their self-procalaimed deity. Iouis XIV of France taxed his people into a state of indigence, when he built the palace of Versailles, for his contemporary monarchs to envy. The Russian Commissars are unable to provide their people with adequate food rations, but are able to build one of the most fearsome armies ever assembled, and perpetuate a state of cold war for over 50 years. Mussolini and Hitler led their respective nations to ruin in the erection of the Germano-Roman Empire of the twentieth century, and the creation of the moral supeman, the altruistic man born out of the spiritus mundi.

Some.may argue that an absolute monarchy of pre-capitalist days differs from the 'democratic' absolute monarchy of now' that Hitler and Mussolini were not socialists, or even influenced by them; that Stalin, Moa, Tito, Ming, Castro, and Amin do not hold the same amount of power as, or even more than, the emperors and kings of antiquity. But the question should be: "Is there any difference between the prin ciples, policies and practical results of socialism, and those of any of the absolute monarchies?"

Are not the public works of the socialist built on the bones of millions of starved, ragged emaciated men and women like the pyramids of the pharaohs and the coliseuns of the emperors? When we glance up and look at the statues of Ozymandias, should we not discover the grinning skull and skeleton under the ruined superstructure is socialism?


## The Thildren of the 'To's

Chapter Two

"By God, you'd think a 60-year-old lady with a bosom like that would at least have the cormon decency to wear a bra," said Era Whitehall Van Der wentworth, pointing to the frump in the wallpaper print dress seated beside them. "Whitey"s school chums erupted into violent laughter. Whitey was the charmed offspring of gilded New England stock. He was an extrenely merry fellow; quick with a quip and handy with the dames. Despite a slightly hunched back, he measured well over six stocking feet. His hulking figure and prominent pocket wore than made up for his malicious and spiterul sense of huror. He dined that evening with his closest friends and flatterers: Midge Stockton, Manhattan Island debutante; Ken Osmond, a sensitive boy, scarred by his early experience in a television situation comedy: Tad Burns, a short fellow, whom no one liked very much, and wose malice and forethought garnered the admiration and substantial patronage of Whitey himself. The place was Le Pied de Couchon, noted for its haute cuisine as well as its local Greek delicacies. The diners: the children ot the seventies.
"This pheasant-burger smells a great deal like-a Parisian whorehouse," said Tad, sniffing disdainfully.
"Yes, I think I detect the faint scent of urine in my sweet-bread pizza," concurred whitey, flicking to the floor pieces of sweet-bread that met with his disfavor.
"Here, let me smell," said Ken, grinning sheepishly, thus pressing an already striking resemblance to an overgrown porpoise.
"Here, I'll help you, Midge said heartily, showing his face, nose first, into the pungent Greek delicacy. She honked forcibly with laughter, sounding much like a well-bred goose. Her enomous Calvin Klein glasses slipped from her button nose; and became irretrievably lodged between her midriff and the table. Huge funnels of air from her inflamed nostrils scattered ashes willy-nilly about the table.

Ken's affable grin remained visible beneath the sticky melange of tomato paste and sweet-bread. "That was a good one, Midge," he chuckled apologetically, "Ha, ha."
"Gracious, what a mess!" said a passing waitress, one Carol o'Meini, an exchange student whose father was the Irish ambassador to Iran. She was a tubular beast, with coarse hair and thick claws. "Why, Midge," she said, greeting ner friend, "what's the matter, isn"t the Jolene working? Your facial hair is showing."
"Oh, touche: Why Carol, you are the wit. Say, I love those shoes.
 own petite and sharply the next table had removed her dentures and was timer the lady at the ness of efferdent and Perrier. Midge rose to cleaning her nose, waddling off as if floating on air. A gun sounded A scream echoed off the tiles. A siren shrieked. A gun sound in the distance. at the back of her neck, ran out of the ladies" powstanding screaming, "He"s dead!"
der room screaming, "He's dead.
Silence swelled in the Club Bombi xor like the deady bart, "What's the Adam Deery, the bartender, chuckled nervously, and sailed off. As usual, his difference between a Jew...
bon mots fell on deal ears. The room collectively gasped as feck and fell to the floor, screaming. This grisly event later assured her of a job selling pencils in the coffee shop. But later assured her of a job the time.

This sobered.Adam. He carefully stepped over Terry's bloody 'balls n his way to discover the cause of her most urgent distress. Damp on the lavatory. Mr. Callmachos manifestation of his own inner tumoil. His seened to we a mere marled in the fresh memory of the telegram he had received, which told him that Adonis Tomatis, his drinking companion received, wortarily ducked out to the lavatory, was, in fact, his own who had momentarily him, Sally Zocchi searched through her handbag in brother. Beside him, Sit, or at least a band-aid. At the next table, vain for a first-aid kit, or at least a band aila, how to tell handsome, swarthy Adonis Celia persinger brooded over how fruition in her. Toby Snapdragon Tomatis that his seed had reached fruition in her. sniff.

Adam came out in a daze, wiping his bloody hands absently on his bar apron. "what's red and goes whirr?" he said absently, before catching himself. He struck a tragic pose. "Oh God," he said. "Handsome, swarthy Adonis Tomatis has been brutally and most about the ly slaughtered, torn to bits by violent, repetitive blows about the head and shoulders!"
Mr. Callimachos commenced to wheeze uncontrollably. "Sass-an-frass-an-rass-an could've done it?
"I'didn't see anyone," said Adam, "but--no, you won"t believe itbut it's true: I did see it! At I came in I saw-I thought I sawa five-year-old in a robin's-egg-blue down parka bounding out the window:"

Celia barked hysterically, "Donny's dead?"
Adam shrugged philosophically, his gaze falling on his apron smattered with scarlet. "Oh, well. I guess it'll all come out in the wash."

Back at school, Whitey, Midge and Tad hopped out of their cab, laughing politely at a joke the driver had just told. Unfortunately they had not understood a word, as the driver belonged to a sect of filthy Turks who spoke a dialect unknown elsewhere in the world.
"Gutta percha benen gali," he laughed, holding out his palm.
whitey put a large Anerican bill in it, while Tad snickered, "Animal": "Ki ki ki," giggled the driver.
"Poo chi para kwa."
-- To be continued --

Submitted by David Auerbach

## Note on Senior Lab Manual, p. 103

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\begin{equation*}
\delta \int_{A}^{B} 2 T d t=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

To identify where the " 2 " in the above equation comes from, we must first review one of Maxwell's equations, a letter from Leibniz, and a little French history.
Maxwell's third equation has a special form for the electromagnetic flux in a field of uniform nervous intensity

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\begin{equation*}
\oint \vec{E} \overrightarrow{d s}=-\frac{d \AA N}{d t} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varepsilon_{\text {is the electron movement, } d t \text { is time, and the arrows }}$ point towards Mecca. If we sum this equation

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\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i \rightarrow \infty} \vec{\varepsilon} \overrightarrow{d s}(N d t) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

we find that all the parts fall out before we get to infinity except for the electrons, who are remarkably good travelexs. Bringing the electrons back from infinity

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{e \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{4} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

results in Work done. We can express "Work" as "ouvrage."
This brings us to Leibniz's definition of work. In a letter to his Mother, Leibniz wrote

$$
\begin{equation*}
W=\frac{1}{2} B H^{3} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where "B" is a bagel and " $H$ " is the height from which the bagel is dropped.

But a connection is still missing, a connection which was supplied in 1922 by- the French Physicist Bob Smith. It was Smith who noticed the similarity between a bagel and hydrogen's electron orbit Smit displayed the movement of the electron as this:

(In 1929, Smith's diagram was awarded "Honorable Mention" in the Nobel Prize ceremonies.) Smith then thought to join the a triangle.


If $\overrightarrow{A B}$ represents the electron's outward movement, and $\overrightarrow{B F r a n k}$ represents, the electron's inward movement, the problem is to account for ErankA.

We can solve the problem by using the well-known trigonometric identity "I am a cosine." This identity has not always been so well known: in fact, it was greatly ignored by Frenchmen in the mid-1900's However, it has gained quite a following recently, especially after its appearance in the March 1977 issue of Scientific American.

If we set
$\sin \overrightarrow{F_{\text {RANK } A}}=\frac{\cos A B}{\operatorname{arf} A B}\left(\frac{1}{2} \overrightarrow{B F_{\text {RANK }}}\right) \div(" 1$ a cosine")
then it is imediately clear that

$$
\overrightarrow{F_{\text {RANK } A}}=t
$$

So Frank is the time taken for the electron's movement, which move ment is usually estimated at about 2 minutes; hence, the " 2 " in equation (1).
Note: The other terms of the equations are too difficult to explain here.

fypnotic pools
Secrete the thoughts
of hidden fools.
Addictive schemes
Inhume the heart
With dewy dreams.
Sequestered woes
Flourish in minds
Of unknown foes.
Amorphous wants
Blossom partly
In lightless haunts.
Relinquished ties
Vanish darkly
With muted sighs.

## Peter Griggs

You think I don"t see, but I do,
How heavy, intrusive,
and how numb to your meanings my hands are, your meanings my slow words.
B. Bowser

## An Interview

DRAGOMAN (late Gr. Spayoúuevas, Old Arab. targuman, tarjuman, DRAGreter) strictly applied to a man who acts as a guide and inminpreter in countries where Arabic, Turkish, or Persian is spoken. Thus was I instructed to introduce Fred Drake, one of the three omers of Circle West Books on West Street. As to why he is referred to as a dragoman, Mr. Drake was rather cryptic. "It's applied symtolically, poetically." So you'll: simply have to visit Circle West bourself and let Mr. Drake guide you through the dark and musty aisles of some 150,000 assorted books.

It will be three years in May since Fred Drake f Gerrit Lansing, and $^{\text {G }}$ samuel Gordon came together to form Circle West, "out of a love of books." They have diverse backgrounds; none were really bookdealers by trade. Mr. Drake was trained in library science and has worked for the Defense Department at Ft. Meade; Mr. Gordon is a lawyer by profession, still practicing; and Mr. Lansing is a poet. (At least, he is the only one of the three who adraitted to being a poet. Although I badgered him to talk about his poetry, he politely declined and kindly offered to render the information in a future interview for THE COLLEGIAN.)

Upon walking into Circle west, one is at once deterred and enticed by the confusing array of books. The entire front left wall is taken up by poetry, to the right are reference books covering wine and geography, anonymous books are piled up all about, and somewhere in the depths are scads of sci-fi novels. Circle West's specialty is no specialty at all. It has everything-great books, rare books, cookbooks, travel books, religious books, mystery books, children's books, sports, books, new and used. Anyone who hasn't visited Circle West yet should treat himself to an afternoon of browsing. Unexpected delights pop up all the time; it's too easy to spend money there. And if you are looking for something particular, you only have to ask. Any of the men can usually cite the edition, and its place on the shelf, off the top of his head.

The rare books in the store include Samuel Johnson's Dictionary, John Chesterfield's Letters, and a favorite of Mr. Drake's, Quintus Curtius--Life of Alexander the Great, published by Tottel in 1553. Tottel's Miscellany, published in 1551, was the first anthology of modern English poetry, "modern as opposed to Middle English and Anglo Saxon." The store has sold about 200 such "old" books--old being before 1600, according to Mr. Drake--and has about 100 still. There are many limited editions and fine leather-bound editions of poetry and literature.

The owners acquire their books through auctions (Baltimore, Washington, and New York have the biggest), buying individual 1ibraries, and from people who walk in with books to sell. They ve had virtually no trouble with people trying to sell stolen rare do ments, which is an increasing problem today, probably because they are not in a metropolitan area, Mr. Lansing said. They started the bookstore with contributions from their own said. They started the how they could bear to part
Where does the hir pall wicn all those beautitul books

Where does the bulk of their trade come from? "That"s a difficult question. Certainly a lot of Johmies shop here becuase we have so many program books. But our customers are extremely varied. Businessmen, a lot of regulars for things like mysteries, detective stories ence-riction, philosophy.
Continually stressing their love of books. Lansing summed up what it's like to run a bookstore: "It's like a game. It's speculative it's full of fun. We all share the delight of dealing with books-it is particularly individualising in the world today-books are not becoring just another incorporation. There is still room for diver sity. Bookselling is a refuge.

Circle West is open six days a week, closed Wednesday, 10-5 on weekdays and Saturday, and 12-5 on Sunday. It is located at 38 West
Street.

Lisa Simeone


A final reminder about the PITHESS TEST deadine on Monday, Dec. 10 , 5:30 p.II. You must have passed four of the tests by then.

BADMINTON SMGUES: All those wishing to enter these toumaments must sign up Wednesday, Dec. 12. The toumaments will begin early in January. The doubles will be later in January.
volusyber: Spartans-4, Hustlers-0. The Spartans almost won volleyball last year, losing out to the Druids in a play-off game. Several of their starters from that team are still here. . people like Messrs. Blyler, Giordano, Spector, and Tonjes. Mr. Guaspari, a Druid last year, is now a Spartan. Mr. Nye was drafted. Looks like they will year, again be a contending team.

The Hustlers conmitted too many unforced errors. They need to work on this
on Greenwaves-4, Druids-3. The Druids lost four people from last year's winning team. . Messrs. Brandon, Griffin, Guaspari, and Kolman. In spite of this, they almost beat the waves . . . had them down 3-1, after four games.

But never underestimate the power and persistence of waves: They were relentless, iocessant, untiring, and formidable. They won the last three games, and the match. We were briefly reminded of Greenwave volleyball teams of a few years ago. They always won: Was this, then, one of those meaningful victories that happen to teams, which signal a change in their future? Was it pivotal? Pregnant? Trend-setting? Did we witness the resuscitation of Greenwave volleyball? Time, and THE COLLEGIAN, will let us know this winter.
baskembaif: Guardians-78, Hustlers-71. Our opening game was of some special interest, especially to those involved in it. The Fustlers ended the first period leading $35-29$. . . mostly because of 20 points from Mr. Kates. But the second period ended at $47-45$, Hustlers still leading. . . mostly because of 13 points from Mr. Campbell.

Then, in the final period, the Guardians picked up the pace, pouring through 33 points. This game, like most close games, was won and lost at the foul line. The Guardians netted 65\% of their free throws, which is quite good. Mr. Hoff was 7 for 8 . Mr. Putnam 6 for 9, and

Mr. Carupbell 7 for 10. The Hustlers, meanwhile, were struggling alon at 40\%. By the way, in case you are still interested in statistics there were 29 fouls called against the Hustlers, and 27 against the Guardians.


Even more trivia:
a) High scorer . . . Putnam (24 points)
b) Best final period performance
c) The Guardians lost 3 players through fouls points) Hustlers, 2 .
d) In the final period, when the chips were down, the Guardians shot 68\% of their free throws:
Spartans-53, Greenwaves-45. This game stayed just about even until the final period. Mr. Giordano got his 6 fields in the first period -. . and his 6 in the last one. But the difference was in his teammates, who contributed only 2 points in the first period . . . but 17 in the last one. This was too much for the Waves to bear. Their two-point lead ended up as an eight-point loss. Highlights of the game were:
a) Mr. Schoener's first goal . . . triggering some noisy fan reaction.
b) Mr. McCoy out-rebounding some of the big guys . . . and scoring nine points.
c) Mr. Blyler sinking a foul shot
d) Mr. Schoener fouling out . . triggering some noisy fan reaction.
e) Mr. Ficco not fouling out.

## THIS WEEXS SCHEDUE

Monday 5:30 . . . Fitness Test Deadine
wednesday 4:00... Volleyball: Guardians - Spartans

## Women's Sports

29 November: Maenads-39; Furies-8 The old Daughters certainly picked but two of then had fouled out. this game, by the third quarter, all but to contend with Maenad Athey furious, indeed, especially after having to cond and shooting until tho stood under the basket
she made it plunk through.
Who can stand up to 6 feet, 1 inch of jumping Maenad
30 November: Nymphs-36; Amazons-23
Quite a rousing victory for the Nymphs: Wish I had been there. 2 did Miss Schan Amazons Cobb and Swentzell. Following in the footsteps of mention Amazons Cobb and Swentzell. Following in the juging by the the demonic Furies? It must have on, ladies, let's clean up our game:

4 December: Maenads-30; Amazons-26
There isn't much to say about this game . . see comments on Miss Athey above. The Maenad ladies don't win with high scores, which may be due partly to the screams of "slow down:" by Miss Groff, but it obviously pays off.

By giving center Athey a chance to get under the basket, they are couple of tries).
presently, the Maenads are 4 and 0--quite a promising standing, although the Nymphs aren't far behind.

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the Editor:
Recently I attended a conference at the Fairlie House in Virginia In by our former dean, Mr. Goldwin. I thought that what I learned here might have a certain interest for the college community. Naturally, discussion is invited.

## November 16, 1979

Mr. Robert A. Goldwin
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Washington. D.C. 20036

Dear Bob:
I want to thank you again for inviting me to the conference on democratic is the Constitution?
of course, the the consticuliont the session was interesting, but I thought your hope came true, and the sessions themselves were the mos profitable part. What happens to me on these occasions-and to most profitable part. What happens main effort goes into a kind of others, I should think--is that the main eff or from the public disstrenuous internal commentary which takes off ion and rises, now and then, to peaks of clarity.

Accordingly, on the third morning I tried to list for myself iy a number of antithetical and orions. They tumed out to be the democracy. In antithetical and criss-crossing understandings of chief denocracy, In fact, what made the discussions fascinating $i n g$ of ing was the continual peripeties all the terms underwent. yet demane least some clear question of necessity depended on establish the self.
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"the people" are the ultimate source of sorracy may mean merely that that there must be a founding compact of sovereignty. Beyond the fact ment need follow; any goverrment that securecific syster of goyernis permissible, even a monarchy. The constitution certain definite rights certain monarchical element as the election of the pents in the office of the president contains hore and more often aresident has in effect become direct However, whole people defending them the democratic function of tribune of the of the fact that presidents against special interests - not to speat (One of the recurrent thents think of thenselves as fairly powerles scope of the recurrent themes of the conference as fairly powerless scope of this document which accomodates changing conditraordinary as the rapid means of communication which obviate conditions. - such Second - with loss of authority) second, democracy, for examole
majoritarian government, wich means Madison's understanding, is cided by numbers. A constant question that issues are ultimately defounders themselves put on the quajorion was whether the restraints the ate in which representation the majority, for example through the sencounted as anti-democratic, or not strictly numerical, are to be they stabilize and moderate it, saving it frof the seracy inasmuch a Characteristic of direct democracy. The very the self-destruction Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in vart notion of a restraining insofar as they protect individual in particular, poses a problem: tic, being safeguards of a "decent democracy they may be counted democrahinder the will of a majority as expressed ${ }^{\text {a }}$ " but insofar as they be counted anti-democratic. Third, since democracy
work safely only on a large scale where particularly by Madison, to ment had to be representative. The principlests were diffuse; governsides being a necessary consequence of size, The of representation, be38
ct democracy, and so a representative system is in some sense antisect demic. To complicate the matter, there are different kinds of emocrentation, roughly exemplified by the Senate and the House: what epresen represented may be the best judgment to be made in behalf of $s$ to beple or the direct wishes of the people.
the Fourth, at the time of the Constitutional Convention democracy was fonly identified with local rule, namely the state legislatures, chile a national government was feared as being remote from the people dominated by aristocrats. Hamilton, who called for the most enerand ic national power, was indeed vigorously anti-democratic; however, geticft the convention early. The governmental system produced was in fact the most radically democratic of its time, though federalist far beyond the general expectations. It had the enthusiastic support of the craftsmerf supporters and opponents divided along the lines of industrial and agrarian interest rather than aristocratic and democratic persuasion. In this connection it was questioned whether the founders should be called "accommating conservatives" for moderating their desire for a strong central govemment with many checks on direct cracy centralized far beyond the common expectation. It was observed that in the long range, with special reference, of course, to the Civil War, the union has actually tended to be more responsive to democratic sentiments than the states, although at present, by reason of its remoteness due to sheer size and its intrusiveness due to regulatory activities unforeseen in the Constitution, the locus of democracy may again have to be sought in local government.

Fifth, democracy can refer to the enforcement of the general will, in Rousseau's sense, which is not expressed in votes but known to discerning interpreters. Or it can be applied to the protection of the rights of minorities over against the majority, where "minorities" are to be distinguished from Madisonian factions, the shifting and diffuse interest groups on whose conflicts he counted precisely for the prevention of organized demands for special treatment. Or democracy may mean populism, or liberalism. In this regard questions were raised about the Supreme court: is its present latitudinarian trend, which is probably both anti-majoritorian and possibly unconstitutional (although liberal), actually anti-democratic? And in general a tacit but pervasive question of the conference was the clouded relation of political democracy to liberalism.

Sixth, democracy may mean equality, especially economic equality. From this point of view, the Constitution appears to be an instrument wholly designed for the protection of property and therefore anti-
derocratic. On the other hand, it was pointed out that just because the founders undoubtedly considered the human being a property-owning animal. the Constitation was written not to maintain the economic status guo but to protect the liberty necessary for the enterprising acquisition of property.

Finally, democracy may mean social equality. It was pointed out that alrost. all the Founders were fron the landed aristocracy, although the landed aristocracy by no means supported the Constitution in a body. Furthermore, they (or at least Jefferson) distinguished a natural aristocracy of merit from a pseudo-aristocracy of condition, and in general their wiews cannot (as Beard tried to do) be tied to class interest. The guestion is finally whether equality or liberty is the primary object of the Constitution.

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Democracy, then, in the constitutional context is understood under two aspects. When seen strictly politically, it implies the choice of any governmental system which will secure the natural rights of men. though a federal constitutional government with separation of powers. checks and balances, a dual legislature and a bill of rights by now seems the uniquely appropriate democratic instrument. But it can also be understood less restrictedly as an interconnected group of ideological and economic desiderata, primarily egalitarian.

Very roughly parallel with these two views are two interpretative approaches to the Constitution, whose opposition persuaded the conference. There were those who regard the Constitution as a kind of secular scripture harboring a definite discoverable meaning, revealed above all in its words and in the recorded arguments of its authors and interpreters. And there were others who considered the demands developing and shifting with the age; under the latter view to interpret the Constitution would mean to observe what people thought it meant at a particular time.

As to the question: "How democratic is the Constitution?" it seemed to me that the implicit answer was: wery democratic. For those who considered democracy a stable and well hedged-about political system For the long-range realization of the will of the majority certainly thought so, while those who looked on democracy primarily as a socioeconomic condition seemed also to think that the Constitution had been, and could be, subjected to metamorphoses of interpretation com piete enough to accommodate even radical change. Even those who thought that the Supreme court had recently usurped the functions of the democratic majority only argued that the court was exceeding its
nstitutional bounds, and, it might be added, in a liberal direction consthat.

Ther is always a certain exhilaration in coming together to talk There political bases of one's life - it is like assisting at a about second founding. But for that very reason, I kept asking my smal what the palpable superiority of the founders for passing very art of the answer came to me: they had a genwe theoretical principle naturally and masterfully back and forth between theoretical prin of saying d political devices such as we lack - which we are. This first conthat they were more genuinely educated than we the Constitution" ference connected with the "Decade of eemed to restore a little that broken however small, seems to me and politica invaluable.

Yours,
Eva T. H. Brann

To the Editor
As I approach the end of my time at St. John's, I stop to reflect pon the moments that I have experienced in these past three and a upars Sometimes, while walking under the Ginko tree, the homents that $I$ have spent here have seemed worthless and bleak. Is there any happiness here, I wonder, any truth? But then the clouds on my countenance subside and the sun comes out again. I see the players on the soccer fields, light beads of sweat clinging to their playis and smokiness that collected in my soul is cleared.

I have known the feeling of being right in seminar. I have known the gratifications of academic excellence. I strongly anticipate the rigours to come. But I will always feel a twinge of despair not保 town bustle and antique character. Thank you for the experience of town bustle and antique character. Thank you for therge Willard
my intellectual life, St. John's.

This letter was submitted on the author's behalf by Randy White

Editor's Note: This letter has evidently been submitted by Mr . Randy White on the behalf of a fake George Willard.

To the Editor
Okay, boys and girls, let's tey this one more time. I never thoug that my simple request not to lump feminism with Marxism would stir such a controversy. I never dreamed how picky people would be stir up last statement. But this being St. John's, where one cannot assuth my ANYTHING (even the possible reasonableness of a Hy now much-quoted phrase, "all feminists want to be is equel me amend to add, after "people," the phrase, "in the eyes of the equal people" tainly. I consider women to be eq. "he hays wen compared to individual men. Some and superior in varying some men, for instance. Some men are stronger than sumger. than men are equally as strong as some women, etc. etc. and etc. I tome We at St. John's had joined the rest of civilize. and etc. I though argumerts about upper body strength in civilization in deciding that argumerts about upper body strength in individuals and in general was a bit passe in light of our industrial society where mind is more in portant and strength is, in the majority of circumstances, just needed for button-pushing. But if we must. I would agree with Mr. Salter that I am not his equal in many ways. I'm woman (?) enough to admit that, say, Mr. Salter's arms enable him to throw a softball to shat dy ability. Then again. my phyical endurance when it comes sham bearing is, I hope again, my physical colnes to child , You see, of course, the ceasonable man, would grant equal to him no watcer grant that I should be treated legally as an do. to him no matter what my right arm cannot do and my uterus can do. All I objected to was equating feminism with Marxism in one sweeping statement, left unexplained. I would do the same if feminism and lesbianism had been equated in such a manner. Obviously. I recognize that boys and girls are different, which brings me to Mrs. Stevenson's article. Vive la difference, I say, except when it comes to the law. But it is a fact that in most states of the umion women particulari Werried women have obridged sate economic law. have abridged freedoms, espectally different fi. I will defend Mrs. Stevenson's right to be as unequal/ law with as men as she wishes as long as she is treated under the with respect to thgnity as men are and as a full citizen. Finally. Stevenson and ismer Mrs. Stevenson as that-contrary-to-feminism: Ms. Stevenson can be Mrs. Ford etc. F long as she wants. Betty Ford, a feminist, is still This - mean I am a pinko, a lesbian, man-hating, anti-marriage, never ask anyone to never ask anyone to be Mr. Leslie Smith; and I believe that my marital to his, so I sign myself.
the Editor
contrary to what was stated by Mr. Mckee in a recent letter to you, con not a candidate for President in the polity elections held last was ner. The candidates opposed to Mr. Coss were Karen Anderson, 19, and Rick Campbell, ' 81.
the Editor: that you, who claim to be editing THE COLLEGIAN for I am appalled that you, who claim to be edt Mrkee's article of ontent, could have let
2 December slip by you. . Whalen as a petty, "shyster lawyer," who,
Mr. Mckee represents Mr. Whalen as a petio, to Mr. Coss, resorted then he discovered he was losing the election. This, sir, is libel: o a shabby effort to invaliate school at the time. Mr. Whalen was or, as we all know who that election. The candidates were Mr. Coss. not even a candidate in (who has since graduated). It Mr. Campell, and Anderson ran a close second to Mr. Coss; however, is true that stated that she did not wish to contest the election. she expressly r. Whalen, who was Chief Justice at the times a ter should be considered. The complaint was
the rules had not been propien, that you should have refused Mr.
I am not saying, Mr. Edozlen, his right to speak. But it is your duty, as an editor and as a member of the community, to see that the facts are straight. Many impressionable freshmen are probably right acs are Whalen-womething he does not at all denow thinc in your duty, Mr. Edozien, to set things straight and to serve. It is your this sort of thing from happening again.
endeavor to prevent this sor of sisson

From the Editor:
THE COULEGIAN regrets the unfortunate misrepresentation of history that took place in the letter from Mr. Mckee last week. Apparently as you have heard, Mr. Whalen was not a candiake Chief Justice of the dent in the 1978 elections. He was at that time Chief Jusen Anderson, Polity Court. The candidate in question was a tigation.

to the Editor:
This Speaks for Itself:
from the current (October) issue of "The College," p.I
The Dean reports that grades and grading procedures were a subject considerable debate during the year. Much of this was stimulate by a senior who withdrew from the College because she felt she had been unjustly treated by the Fellowships Comittee and that she should have been granted an interview about her application for a fellowship. have new publication, Democracy Wall, sought to express student opinion. the student Committee on Instruction debated the entire matter of grades and procedures: The final decision of this Committee and of the Delegate Council was that current policies and practices were adequate, and that no change in these or in the transcript need be recommended to the Dean and the Instruction Comittee.
From the third issue of "Democracy Wall" (April 20), p.4:
The following proposal from the Student Committee on Instruction was brought before the Faculty Instruction Comittee at their meeting of Tuesday, April 17. It is the final work of this year's SCI on the grade issue.

Dear Sirs,
In January, at the request of the Delegate Council, the Student Comittee on Instruction began considering St. John's grading policy. The several questions we posed for ourselves were these: What does a grade at St. John's represent? What recourse does a student have if he feels that he has been graded unfairly? Should grades be abolished at st. John's? If not, how can the present grading policy be improved? Why was a new transcript introduced? Since then, we've held many meetiags, spoken with many students and many tutors, and read many articles on the issue, published both in the Collegian and in our own bulletin, Democracy wall. Having discussed so long and heard so many opinions, we still have not agreed on any proposal to change the present policy.

We do, however, feel that the present policy must be stated clearly in some official, College publication, most likely, the student Manual. Such a statement should answer the first two of the questions enumerated above, namely, l) What does a grade at $S t$. John's represent? and 2) What recourse does a student have if he feels that he has been graded unfairly?

While we know of no official policy statements on the latter, the Catalog says this about the former: "The tutor's appraisals of a student are based... on the student's total performance as a member of the
learning community. The tutor's comprehensive judgement of a student is reported to the Dean each semester as a conventional letter grade ..." (pp. 34-36). These statements, although misleading, are perhap appropriate for the Catalog. They cannot, however, be policy perhap policy statement that we seek would have the benefit policy. The the inevitable questions about grades at St. John's, of de-mystify grades here, and preventing some of the, perhaps, undue attentioning they have received during the past months from recurring in the ture.

Sincerely,
James M. Melcher
Chairman, SCI
(There followed the signatures of the members of the SCI and the D.C. President. The President signed after an unanimous approval of the proposal by the D.C. at their meeting of April 10.)

It is contemptible
College in the offige and cowardly that the President of St. John's College in the official magazine of the College has declared the discussion on grades dead when neither the faculty nor the administraon EVER answered ANY of the questions which were raised.
It is also despicable that the cause of the discussion be characterized as merely the sour grapes of a drop-out. I am sure I am not the only one who resents this insult to my independence of mind and the attempt to degrade the discussion by an ad hominem reference.

Kristina M. Shapar
Risen from the dead.
From beyond the grave . . .
TO WHOM IT OUGHT TO CONCERN:
I find the administration's dismissal of the "discussion" of grades utterly objectionable. At the very least, it is tactless and unprofessional to regard such an essential matter as a triviality. Furthermore, it is an insult to the intelligence of the students. The statement in the College suggests that there is an established policy concerning grades. Presently, there is neither a written nor any established policy; and, so far as $I$ know, there never has been. Therefore, the statement in the College is not only degrading but outrightly false. In addition, the SCI and D.C. never reached a con
wive decision on this matter, as the College article suggests. I reaind the $s t$. John's Community that no response has ever been de to the questions raised by the SCI; namely,
(I) What does a grade at St. John's represent?
(2) What recourse does a student have if he feels
he has been graded unfairly?
I ask the faculty and administration, as reasonable men, to respond to these questions. It is the student's right to know these things, particularly since he will soon be paying over $\$ 7,000 /$ year for the dubious privilege of having capricious letters attached perfor thently to his life.

Joan Ellen Price One of the Grateful Dead


## Announcements

What makes Chris White and Jim Stout slave away in an unheated, sparsely furnished building on Cathedral street, 7 days a week? Wha makes therr-lick envelopes and peel labels furiously, negotiate on the typist to the bone?
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If all this sounds a
oniy need experts, but unskilled college sok again. Expeditions not well They as well. They place everyone from the highly skilled marine biologist and professional photographer to the would-be scuba diver and mountainclimber. And there is a demand for linguists, historians, journalists: so you can pass on the "dangerous" stuff if the thought of plunging 2,000 feet scares you, and put your academic skills to use. All you need do is share the same lust with White and Stout--the lust for venture, for travel, for learring.
Chris White is a biologist from Princeton University, and Jim Stout, a geographer from the University of Fashington. Now 24 , they have been Research-climbing together since the age of 12. The idea for Expedition problems finding a qualified team member frustration when they had problems finding a qualified team member on their bicentennial expedition to Mt. McKinley.

Some of the more interesting expeditions scheduled for 1980 include the Chinese-American Goodwill Tibetan Expedition, an historic anthropological dig for Ramapithecus in India, and the Mt. Aconcagua Ascent.

## Expedition Research campaigns for students

Expedition Research Inc., a placement service which matches outdoor thusiasts to scientific and exploratory expeditions, is conducting a mpaign to register college students and professors.
apitions which have approached ERI for team members range from expedicical excavations to Himalayan mountaineering, and from oceanrhaeological excavations to himalayan mountalneer an ographic survinents
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THE COLLEGIAN wishes to extend its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Edwin J. Delattre, tbe new President of St. John's College. We leak forward very much to his reign, it will be so nice to have a scholar at the reins, and we hope it will be a happy one for the college. for us all, and for himself. Understandirig the magnitude of his job, we say "WELCOME" with anticipation.

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Black plastic-framed glasses
1 pair plastic-franed sunglasses
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Tennis racket
Typewriter
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1 set keys w/whistle
2 watches
1 CB radio

## LOST

One maroon, ring-binder note-book, and one freshman lab book.
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Maroon sweater ('V'-neck zip) Black hat
Blue "Great Outdoors" F-shirt 1 scarf


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