President Explains Furniture Delay

I am glad to report that I see light at the end of a long tunnel! The securing of the new Library furniture which had seemed to me at least, and probably to others, an unattainable goal, has turned out to be full of complexities and difficulties which we had not foreseen. What we discovered, however, is that, although the College recommends, the State Purchasing Division has the responsibility to determine two important things:

1. Whether or not the bids and the awards are completely in accordance with the State Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

Although we were fully aware of this responsibility, there are some highly technical considerations.

2. The function and responsibility to examine the bids in terms of the specifications, and to make the judgement as to whether or not, in the opinion of the State Purchasing Division, the deviations of the lower bids from specifications are sufficiently minor or inconsequential to allow them to receive an award.

The following complications of this second function and responsibility were not anticipated by us:

1. The College's recommendation had the discretion to 2. even more important, that in a number of instances deviations which both the all-college Library Furniture Selection Committee and in all probability the Library staff, considered important might on the contrary be considered unimportant and inconsequential to the State Purchasing Division.

However, we are pleased to report that after having come through a whole series of complexed and time-consuming con-

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We are currently awaiting the sample and if it meets specifications will be in a position to go forward with the bids on lounge chairs within the next few days.

As of this moment, all furniture purchase orders have been forwarded to the State Purchasing Division with the single exception of the lounge chairs and, hopefully, are being processed. The lounge chair furniture will also be decided upon and processed immediately upon receipt of the final bid.

I trust that this review of some of the salient circumstances and events that have preceded the College Community realize why there have been long delays in this process of awarding the bids - the first and essential step before receiving the furniture. I hope that all those responsible for the delay will be held responsible for the time and effort of this matter.

President

Ralph Rondileau
THE WILD BUNCH

Sun. March 26, 1972

“THE WILD BUNCH,” a Warner Bros. release which will be shown on Sunday March 26, at the Student Union, is a story of outlaws in the cruel terrain of the West. It takes place in 1913 when the world was about to plunge into war and Mexico, where much of the action takes place, was being strangled in a bloody counter-revolution.

William Holden, Ernest Borgnine, Robert Ryan, Edmond O’Brien, and Warren Oates star in this explosive adventure drama about the last of the legendary bushwhackers who lived to kill and live to kill again.

Mike Bishop (William Holden) and his gang are outlaws of a sort whose exploits 10 or 15 years before might have been considered heroic. But time has passed them by. Even their arch enemy, Deke Thornton (William Holden), thought they were reliving past glories.

Director Sam Peckinpah is a natural for a picture like “THE WILD BUNCH.” He comes from a California family peppered with judges, ranchers, and lawmen. Beginning his career as a writer, he emerged as a director for the stage, television and the screen. Peckinpah’s aim in “THE WILD BUNCH” was to rejuvenate the Western film from its tired image. Peckinpah hit a lot of hardened veterans of Western cowboys. This is a story of violent men who lived during the Mexican Revolution. The brutal story must be told honestly. “THE WILD BUNCH” will make “Bonnie and Clyde” look like a church picnic.

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The Power of Brother Julius
by Dana Roberts

As college students we're often expected by others to give sophisticated answers to a diversity of problems. In our scientific and technological age we're expected to possess deep understanding in a few limited areas. Many history majors can interpretAutomaticArmistice, but few can explain the Civil War. A few can discuss the Revolution, but few understand the Constitution. Our political system is often forced to choose a particular candidate because he doesn't have as much charisma as another campaigner. In religion we often assume understanding gives us sufficient understanding of religion to judge the merits of a person.

Then one day someone comes along who questions our basic assumptions. God, or the Son of God, is real, he says. He doesn't have the same kind of charisma and ability to communicate. He is logical and demonstrates his own self-confidence, the kind that is not easily dismissed. And he is impressive. He is not a person who is easily fooled by the logic of persuasion. The unconverted man who hears this for the first time is unlikely to be convinced. No, the unconverted man is likely to be impressed by the person. And on a personal level of organization and leadership, he does not disappoint. The unconverted man may become convinced.

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Today, death is something which is difficult to define. One thing is sure - you will eventually lose the ability to function as an organism. You will lose the ability to digest, assimilate, excrete, and reproduce. Also, your nervous system will degenerate and you will lose the ability to think.

The reason that you will lose the ability to think is that the cell which is responsible for the death of the organism is the cell which is responsible for the death of the organism. This is the cell which contains the nucleolus, the cell which contains the nuclear envelope, and the cell which contains the nuclear matrix. These cells are very difficult to detect, and they take place in your brain. As a result, there is no reason to think that the process of thinking is anything more than this.

When one dies, he loses what is called his "level of organization." This phrase refers to whether something exists as an organism, organ, tissue, cell, or molecule. Despite different "levels," different properties arise. A c.e. can do things that an a.m cannot, a tene can do things that a c.e. cannot, and an organism is likewise more than just a collection of organs.

One function which defines the organism is the ability to think. An a.m cannot, by its definition, think, and neither can a c.e., or organ. It is only as a whole that the ability to reason is found. A simple analogy can be made with an automobile: a piston cannot by itself produce a molecule of iron; however, when the parts of the car are placed together in a complex whole, a functional automobile is produced.

Again, when a man dies, he loses his "level of organization." He is no longer an organism. With the decay of the neural part of his being, he forfeits all sensory functions. These include the ability to feel, taste, smell, hear, and touch. And because a man has no awareness of his body, he will no longer be afraid of death. "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

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THE VIEW FROM HERE

by LEE SMITH

Thoroughbred racing, the oldest of American sports is slowly dying in New England and with the talk of the off track betting coming to Massachusetts the oldest game around might be dead in five years.

Horse racing which enjoyed its heyday in the 30’s and 40’s has gone downhill in recent years. Capitalism and the trend to make sports a business has hurt the sport badly. Local competition from slot machines, attendance and handle which is used to increase purses, and a track better talent for the horseplayers to watch. Instead of improving horseman’s conditions, local race tracks have invested too much time and money on trying to outdo their competition. Because of greedy legislatures and money hungry track operators, local tracks don’t enjoy monopolies they searched and racing has literally ran themselves into the trash. The solution is pretty simple: get the four major tracks in the area to get together. Everyone would benefit if there were four separate meeting a year instead of two and their tracks open at the same time. Most important though, is that the sport would be improved by upgrading the purses, the competition would improve and thoroughbred racing might gain respectability again.

The sport has long been a supplier of the state’s revenue and for this reason horse racing often suffers when politicians and business men are placed in positions that would be better handled by someone who knows about the sport.

Let’s not be naive about the situation. Money is needed today, but it should not be placed ahead of the betterment of the game. Such is the case with off track betting. This is the time, we need to be teaching the New York area should be enough of a warning for race tracks in this area to halt any type of OTB legislation. In New York race track attendance has been down and the handle that is naturally down too is not being made up at the off track windows. The state should realize that they too will suffer, but instead we are led to believe that OTB is the messiah to the racing world.

While a racing fan want to believe that everyone who comes to the track enjoys the sport and is interested in its improvement this is not. Gambling is racing’s first attraction because this OFF Track Betting will probably be instituted in many states. It is a shame that we can watch the death of a once powerful and proud sport. It’s something that really isn’t missed until it’s not here anymore.

‘CHIP’ PUTS CHILL ON CRUSADERS

by FRANK BOTTA

Bill Chipman, chairman of the Chemistry dept, combined finesse and brute strength to overpower Olafson, a crusader. Dr. Chipman, the old man, put on a one man show at Astal Arena in an impressive victory. The game began with a vicious attack by ‘Chip’ on Jim Taylor, an ex-Bear captain. A posterupe hip check sent Taylor sprawling. ‘Chip’ then stuck a hip check past every opponent and took a slap shot from 15 feet out that beat Botta, the Crusader’s goalie. Clearly.

In the second period, Dr. Chipman squared off at center ice with ‘Jolting’ Joe Dotolo and pummeled him to the ice with a vicious barrage of left jabs. As they were separated and all peace seemed restored, Chip dropped his players and feasted from behind. During this period, Dr. Chipman scored twice more and picked up an assist. The third period locked the game and had everyone on the bench ready to apply for his old age pension.

SPORTS SHORTS

Anyone interested in playing Intramural Volleyball should draw up a roster and turn it into Mr. Siwenske in the gym. All rosters should be turned in by March 30th.

Attention: All trackmen and prospective candidates. There will be an important meeting in the men’s locker room March 29th, at 5:00 pm. Attendance is mandatory as a final roster will be taken at this time.

Wanted: Trackmen

Still time to come out for the 1972 Bridgewater State Track Team. Report to Men’s locker room at 3:30 Mon-Fri. Or contact Coach Brady or any person in the present track member.

Due to the lack of necessary money and equipment it has become impossible to maintain a sixteen-man tennis squad. We must reluctantly therefore limit the squad to the following men:

1. Tony Girouard
2. Frank Cullen
3. Nagy Walsh
4. Ross Endall
5. Chuck Robbins
6. Joe Genovese
7. Mike Lepage
8. Joe Maila
9. Dan Lynch
10. Dennis Swenson
11. Paul Girouard
12. Dick Steadman

Only the first eight or nine men will go to away matches for the first two years. Dick Steadman’s crusaders. Dr. Chipman, chairman of the Chemistry dept, combined finesse and brute strength to overthrow Olafson, a crusader. Dr. Chipman, the old man, put on a one man show at Astal Arena in an impressive victory. The game began with a vicious attack by ‘Chip’ on Jim Taylor, an ex-Bear captain. A posterupe hip check sent Taylor sprawling. ‘Chip’ then stuck a hip check past every opponent and took a slap shot from 15 feet out that beat Botta, the Crusader’s goalie. Clearly.

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