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# THE FIXER

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To The Fixer:

I entered Madison College in the fall as a freshman, and have read the Fixer from the first week it was published. Although I can't say I fully agree with all articles printed, I do want to say that I, as well as many other freshmen, do agree with the articles discussing the inactivity of the present Student Government Association.

When we arrived we were introduced to all the various SGA officers and members, and were told about all the SGA rules we were expected to abide by. A few weeks later we were told to vote for our freshmen representatives. To be frank, I did not even bother to vote. I knew no one, and the declarations posted in the post office were almost mimeographed copies of each other, stating previous "experience" and expected intentions if elected. It seemed to me to be a popularity election of whoever was in the most activities in high school. The other reason I did not bother to vote was because, from what I had seen and heard of the SGA, it appeared to be only a figurehead "representative" of the student body. All final decisions seemed to rest with the faculty and administration.

Recently, opinion petitions were circulated through the dorms, listing rule change suggestions, I know that in the dorm I'm in, those sheets of paper were a welcome indication that someone actually did want our opinion. I only hope that the SGA will push these suggestions forward to the administration. Some of the rules at this school are fast becoming too out-dated to hold students here.

I believe that one of the overall complaints of a number of freshmen to whom I have talked concerns the SGA. To refer to the SGA as "representative" of the student body" is to state what is obviously a farce, and I believe that the only to make the SGA our representative would be to overhaul the entire governmental system at this school. Right now I feel as though the administration is scared shitless of us, and the SGA is ignoring us, hoping we'll go away and leave it alone. With an attitude like this, the situation can only get worse. If the SGA and the student body would only open their eyes and, to quote Tony Miller and Keith Margrey, "get off their asses", action could be taken that just possibly could lessen student mistrust and unrest. Don't let another freshman class enter to what we did!

Nancy Dalton

I wish, also, to express appreciation to the Fixer for caring enough to let students voice their opinions to someone who would listen and lend support. Keep up the good work.

To K.L. Duncan--You sure know how to put it all in words!

"The only thing white people have that black people need, or should want, is power--and no one holds power forever. White people cannot, in the generality, be taken as models on how to live. Rather, the white man is himself in sore need of need standards, which will release him from his confusion and place him once again in fruitful communion with the depths of his own being."

James Baldwin  
The Fire Next Time

"They can do anything to us we can't stop them from doing."

John Heller  
Catch-22



## RACISM in the MILITARY

The forms of racism that work against black, brown, red, yellow and poor white people in the real world, work against the same men as soldiers. Just as the "have nots" by the very nature of American society find themselves at the bottom of the political, economic and social ladder, the "have not" soldier finds himself with the odds very much against him and with the least chance of survival.

First of all, in the military only the top brass gets respect. To become top brass you must first be polished in a military academy. To get into a military academy you must be sponsored by a Congressman. How many non-white or poor guys have friends in Congress? There are 9,000 cadets at West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy--52, or 0.5%, are black, about 25 have

Spanish-sounding names, none are Indians, and probably only a few are from very poor white families.

Another place where the top brass is polished is in university ROTC. Not only do you need money to go to college, but

you also need a "good" high school education. Everybody knows that high schools are terrible in poor neighborhoods, ghettos, barrios and Indian reservations.

The universities also groom the men who get the top civilian jobs in the Pentagon, where all military (and government) policy originates. In the Pentagon there are 523 "supergrade" civilian positions--three of them are held by blacks, none have Spanish surnames, one is Asian, none are Indians and all of them are college graduates.

Blacks comprise only 0.7% of the military lawyers, 2.8% of the chemical engineers, 1.2% of the doctors, 3.2% of the MPs and 0.7% of the pilots. In the menial or high-risk military jobs, blacks comprise 16% of the infantry and 16.9% of the service and supply workers.

Of the combat deads in Vietnam, 18.3% are black. Twenty percent of the combat troops in Vietnam are black. And everyone who has been over there has seen that many of the highest risk battalions (e.g., airborne) are as much as 50 to 70% black.

Among whites, the casualty rate of men from Appalachia is two times higher than for whites from any other area.

It is obvious that the military is a racist institution engaged in a genocidal war against Asians, as well as committing genocide against its own non-white and poor white men.

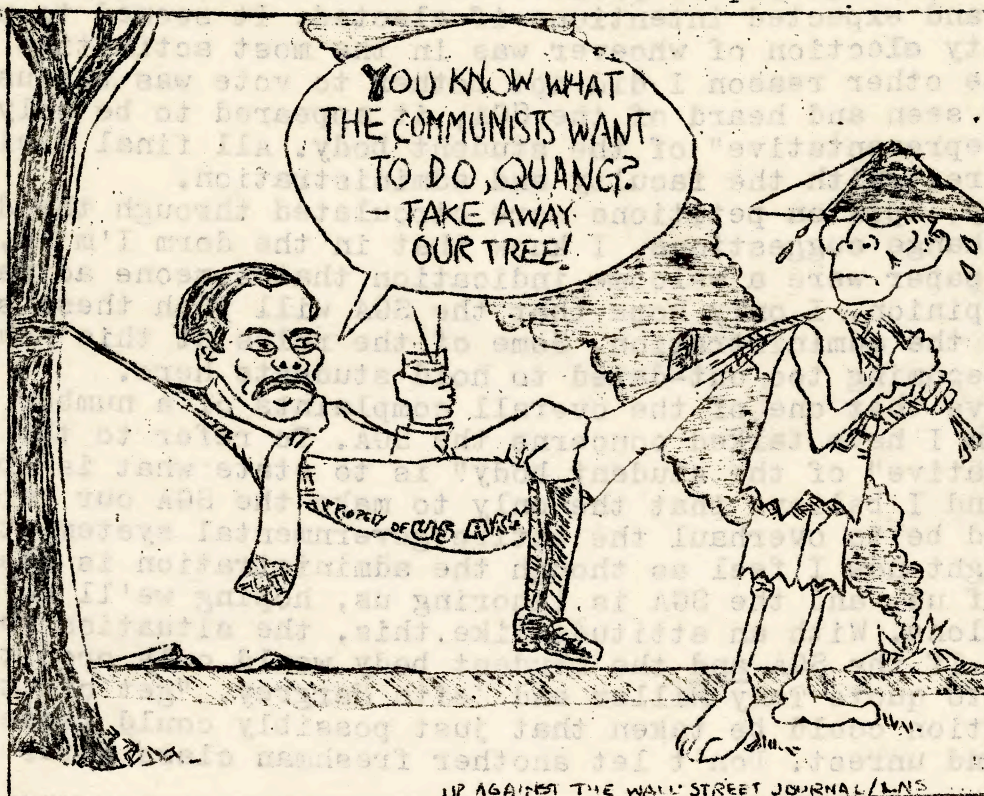
### Military Intelligence

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UP AGAINST THE WALL STREET JOURNAL/LNS

"The Violent Society and the Liberal University"

By C.B. Macpherson, a Professor of Political Economy at the University of Toronto.

"The new range of demands which students are making of the university is extensive and varied, but they have a common denominator. It is that the students are beginning to think of the universities as their universities. The most active and socially conscious students already start from that premise--...that the universities should be for the students in a way they have not been for many centuries. The question that touches us most nearly is...what this is likely to do to our vision of the university. For we, as university professors, have been pressing for years now to make the universities more nearly ours..."

AAUP Bulletin December 1969



## TELL IT LIKE IT IS

What have we learned from our experiment in democracy, the S.G.A.? We've learned that in a small group we have a Student Government which actually gives "a damn." But collectively it is scared shitless of the administration and has found it necessary to give the students the same double talk given the students by the administration. We have a representative body which is controlled by fear.

This has been shown by Tony Miller and Gwen Fireck, former members of an S.G.A. committee. There are some things that have to be done, or we as students should declare S.G.A. defunct and should hand over its responsibilities to the administration.

The S.G.A. newsletter, Tell It, should be recognized for what it is--a humongous waste of time, energy, and money as well as a biased piece of literature which is nothing like it was intended to be.

S.G.A. should be examined by the students it represents. Possibly, it should be reorganized to include more student opinion than that of Hoffman hall or of those who only wish to have "member of Student Government" on their records.

Also, S.G.A. should realize its responsibilities to those it represents and should show some backbone to point up the fact that this is no longer a girls' school but a co-educational institution which has students who wish to govern themselves and set up their own rules without fear of presidential veto.

Finally, S.G.A. should look at their own constitution and find out that it is also the students' constitution. It should not have the shadow of Hillcrest over it.

When S.G.A. finally declares that the rules which they make up are the sole governors of student behavior, then they will stand out in the light of day with no shadow over them. This will be the dawn.

In short, they must stand on their own two feet and say that no one has the right to a final veto. Then and only then will we have a Student Government run by the students for the students' good.

The time is now to change the rules while the rules for next year are being made up by the Rules

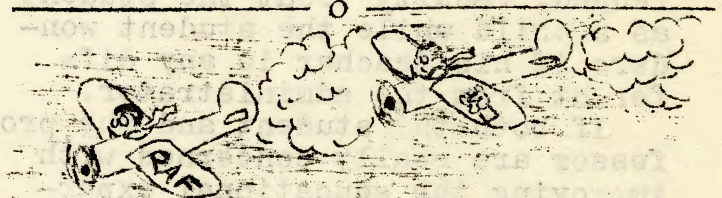
Review Committee. If you don't like something about the handbook, call me at 5968 or, better yet, call Beth Ray at 4040, the head of the committee.

Christopher G. Vuxton



I am a thorn in the side of society;  
I am a fly in the jam of war;  
I am a mirror to your forgotten soul;  
I am your rejected child;  
I am your shame  
and your best memory;  
I am your only hope  
for tomorrow  
and your only  
reminder of yesterday.  
I am the hippie, freak  
and son  
that will not let you  
forget peace.

Eugene Jackson



In Mr. Morley-Mower's letter which appeared in the Nov. 6 issue of The Breeze entitled "ENGLISH PROF ASSAILS HARAMBEE ARTICLE," we see the main line of attack used by "adults" employed therein. Dennis Gregory stated that Harambee was "trying to have our views heard by the people who hold ultimate power at Madison, the students...." Mr. Morley-Mower returns with the tired bit of logic that "A family is not a political democracy and children do not and should not hold ultimate power in that structure." Again, we are told (if only by the discreet placement of his argument) that we should accept our role as children and obey our parents. Most students have now realized that

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they are not Madison's offspring, and we do not want (or need) to be treated as such. Most students realize they are being talked down to, and they will soon reject those who continue to use this style of reasoning. Students will not "stay in their place" as long as it is always a poor second place position.

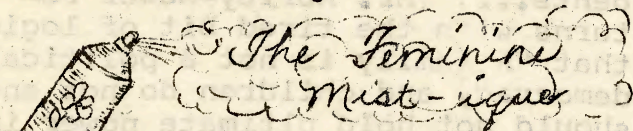
While many professors are putting down the students for trying to gain some control over their education, most educators are themselves upset over their own lack of pull in the universities. If we are the children, then our educational parents (the professor) seem to be quite willing to sacrifice their offspring in a bid for more power.

Students (especially at this institution) do not want to "take over the college", rather they wish to have a voice in decision making areas. Two voting students on the Board of Visitors would not corrupt that august body, but it would allow the students to express their beliefs and ideas to that body. Most students also feel that the faculty should be consulted when college policy is being decided. (As it is now stands neither sector is asked for its advice.)

A wedge has been effectively placed between the faculty and the student body at this school. The result is seen in the present conflict over roles while the administration continues unchallenged. Faculty treat the student as a child while the student wonders if his teacher is any different from the administrator.

If both the student and the professor are really concerned with improving the educational experience at Madison, then a gain in power for one is a victory for both. Instead of fighting among ourselves, let us redirect our efforts toward those who have the power and refuse to share it, regardless of their position (administrator, stubborn faculty member or an SGA official.)

Jay Rainey



WASHINGTON, DC (LNS)--Feminine hygiene deodorant sprays can cause "adverse reactions such as inflammation and rashes."

The current issue of the "Medical Letter", a newsletter for physicians, says it is "unlikely" that the aerosol sprays are as

effective in controlling hygiene and removing odor as soap and water.

Manufacturers are not required under the Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act to provide proof of the safety or efficacy of the sprays or to list the chemical ingredients on the label. All of the sprays currently on the market contain propellants, usually from gas, "which could irritate vaginal mucous membrane," the article notes.

Of the manufacturers who revealed the ingredients of their sprays to the newsletter, one said it used an ammonium compound. The newsletter said the compound "occasionally causes a hyper-sensitivity contact dermatitis."

A Highland Park, Ill. gynecologist-obstetrician, Dr. Bernard M. Kaye wrote that "as the advertising push and the use of these sprays has become widespread, I have been getting more and more complaints of vulvar irritation."

"I honestly have no way of determining the efficacy of these sprays; however good old-fashioned soap and water should do the same thing."

off our backs

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Friends and non-friends,

I've got you on these pages.

If you don't see yourself perhaps you should try harder. But you are, you're all there in black and white (or white and black as if it matters).

A haze of exhaustion has set me low,

I'm falling lower

as if I could go any lower.

In the end,

I had intended on a stream of blue\*cuss\*and\*swear

as I am fondly(?)

characterized as saying.

Also, setting the record straight:

I do like hot rats

Hell's Angels

Rolling Stones

and degrading activities

(Like all this I've written).

BUT

INSTEAD

I still wish

still harder

still stronger

still bitching

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU.

Kathleen Himmer  
Baker University



# THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE

Tyranny finds many disguises, but during the past week it struck in many places. Nixon, in order to save the elections in New York, sent Agnew to lambaste both the Republican and the Democratic candidates for Congress to split the liberal vote and prevent a Democratic take-over. It worked, as the liberals became a tool for the forces of political chicanery. One doesn't know whether to offer congratulations for a clever plot or condolences to those who are so easily led. This was, in truth, politics of third Reich inspiration. It can't happen in America? All of us were losers, for we have not learned to play the game of chess nor to talk out of both sides of the mouth at the same time.

What fools the silent majority be. A recent election of a Drug pusher Hippie in Kansas to the office of Justice of the Peace demonstrates that the masses have become a non-thinking machine, too indulged in masturbation to know the candidates they vote for. It was a happy outcome for the drug culture, but great sadness for those of us who realize its portents. If we do not stay informed, then we have to suffer the consequences. We have to realize that what comes wrapped in pretty packages is not the best interest for free people. An error in judgment because of ignorance can lead to tyranny. Recently on David Frost's show, Jerry Rubin demonstrated his concept of freedom when he offered a joint to Frost. Upon refusal, Rubin disrupted the show with sprays of water and flowers. What seems to be a funny episode at first can be disastrous to a culture already afraid, and can lead to the destruction of all liberals and sincere people who work and fight for freedom. His obnoxious behavior is nothing more than a thirty-two year old juvenile delinquent running amok without respect for himself, his cause, his friends or for those who would listen. This is not freedom but a license to be a tyrant in the name of life-style. If he could be ignored because of the imbecility of his actions, then like all fools or jesters he might become sincere. But for those of us who seek liberation, not irresponsibility, he is a threat to our ideals as dangerous as the establishment. Ralph Nader, a national hero, has once again demonstrated his crusade against bad practices, this time directed against the Medical Profession. To eliminate bad practice, we should have a federal governing board that would control the practice of Medicine. While Doctors are unpopular in the mass

mind, this type of control smacks of tyranny. We sat back and watched Nader attack big business, another unpopular force in America, and watched as he collected from General Motors a large payoff to keep his mouth shut. We were glad in a way to see these great monarchs bow to the common man, forgetting that this too is tyranny. Tomorrow we who would be teachers may be next. Perhaps we should have a federal board to establish good teaching practice and monitors to sit in classrooms to enforce teaching practices. The answer is not control, control and more control, no matter who reasons it or for what reason the proposal. The end does not justify the means, for the end becomes the means instead. Tyranny in the United States today has put on the mask of benevolence and the good of the people. Watch out! For the bell will soon toll for all of us.

Julian Ney

## CLASSIFIEDS

TOM--It's a mixed-up world you're in now--and you deserve better. I hope you find it. Thanks for all.

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GIVE-AWAY--We need to find a home for 4 kittens and a puppy. You can help us find them a place to live. Please call Tina, 896-6602.

## LATER, PERLINGHETTI

i am waiting  
for the radical feminists  
to seem  
conservative  
to the majority.  
and i am waiting for a little more  
education  
for a lot of people  
to become  
a dangerous thing.  
i am waiting  
for the silent members  
of the articulate minority  
to begin to speak.  
and most of all  
i am beginning to find  
i am not going to wait  
much longer.

sandie; off our backs

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"WE THE PEOPLE... IN ORDER TO  
ESTABLISH A MORE AVERAGE UNION"

These are times of great controversy in America; our people have become intensely involved in more issues than ever before. It is perhaps for this reason that the basic, ongoing task of our society has become obfuscated and neglected. I am referring, of course, to the important job of maintaining our basic mediocrity and passing it on intact to future generations.

It is for this purpose that our public school system was established. It was long ago determined by wise and humane leaders that children, regardless of their backgrounds, must have the opportunity to become normal, unobtrusive members of society. Even children from disadvantaged homes, who may have had brilliant parents or otherwise have been exposed to intelligence early in their lives, can and must be mended.

The public schools have traditionally handled this responsibility well. By directing curriculum toward a hypothetical "average" student and thereby ignoring individual differences, the public school has in many instances managed to DESTROY those differences. Twelve years of exposure to mediocre material, taught in a mediocre manner, can be a powerful device. It can assist even some extraordinarily bright students in becoming normal.

Madison College is inextricably involved in this entire process. As a true factory for teachers, Madison has the duty of producing people mediocre enough to pass on all that is average in our generation to our children.

Madison cannot continue to produce such people unless it can rid itself of the obstreperous, incorrigible few who do not care about mediocrity and who do not show any sign of ever accepting it.

Madison is one of the few colleges left in which students can take mediocre courses of study, enjoy shallow conversation with normal colleagues, and generally think average thoughts in a genuinely bland and indifferent atmosphere. All of this is intensely demanding and strenuous, and requires a true love of and striving for mediocrity. We cannot accomplish our goals with intelligent people constantly interfering in our superficial reverie.

(It is not my design to fulminate hatred or prejudice on our campus. I can understand most brilliant people; it usually is not their fault, but a defect in their backgrounds. Some people are born that way, and cannot be helped. Others

were simply raised improperly; by the time they were first exposed to mediocrity, it was already too late.)

We are not playing games here. We are dealing with the very lives and futures of our younger generation. We cannot afford to give these people the awesome powers of reason. The Madison students of today are the followers of tomorrow.

Shallow thinking, average aspirations and mediocre mentalities are our worthy goals; we must not lose sight of them. Remember: practice makes average.

EQUIVOCATE.

Lewis H. Sword

## KARAMBEE MEETING

WED. 6 o'clock

Harrison 6

Film Festival  
Teacher Evaluation

if you want a say in your  
School, you have got to make  
an effort. Come!

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE  
The Seed/LIBERATION News Service

The peace symbol, or as Carl McIntyre calls it, the broken cross of the anti-christ, may soon become the trademark of the Intercontinent Shoe Corp. or Luv, Inc., a clothing manufacturer in Miami.

C.M. Wendt, director of the Patent Office's trademark examining office, said they rejected a wine company's application to trademark the Madonna, but the peace symbol is different.

"If this were the accepted symbol of the Quakers, or any organized religious sect which is absolutely pacifistic, we would not register it," Wendt said.

"But it's a far cry from that-- the use of it by the hippie movement--those who flout all convention of organized society." Besides, he said, "its commercial use will not hurt the peace movement anyway."

Harold Koenig, president of Luv, Inc. asks, "What's better than love and peace?" He also said he was "not learned enough about the facts to have an opinion on US policy in Vietnam."





SAN FRANCISCO--That stone-and-egg attack on President Nixon by San Jose antiwar demonstrators was a figment of the imagination. It was created by the President, his associates and the San Jose cops. The newspapers which gave it such scare headlines never saw it happen. The only person who actually claims he saw rocks fly was the San Jose chief of police.

These are the facts that emerge from followup accounts which, needless to say, are not making the same kind of news splash the original story did.

Looking back at the original stories, it becomes clear that those who reported the incident never claimed to see it happen. Buried in the New York Times account, for example, was the phrase, "according to eyewitnesses." A follow-up Times story indicated the San Jose police chief was the "witness."

The San Francisco Chronicle confirmed Nov. 2 that the only person who remembered seeing any rocks thrown was the police chief.

A comprehensive account of what actually happened was pieced together by reporter Tom De Vries of the prize-winning program, "Newsroom," on educational station KQED.

...the crowd...was composed of an exceptionally broad spectrum--unemployed building trades workers demanding jobs, a large group of scientists and engineers laid off by space program cut-backs, student ecology groups, and simply curious onlookers.

Nixon deliberately sought to goad the crowd. After climbing up on his car to give his spread-eagle "V" sign, he was overheard saying, "That's what they hate to see."

...police and secret service men functioned in a normal manner...

DeVries reported that there was some minor damage to the press box and the newsmen's bus, but that he made a point of examining the area after the crowd left and saw no stones. He then began questioning other reporters and cameramen and found none who had seen any objects thrown.

The next morning he called the San Clemente residence and queried Nixon's press secretary. He too co-

nceded he had not actually seen any objects thrown at the President's car. The whole thing apparently, was part of President Nixon's effort to restore morality to political life.

Robert Chester, The Militant

"Living"  
by Esta Seaton (first published in Poet Lore, Spring 1968)  
The Great Speckled Bird

It is,  
finally,  
to trivia that we flee,  
seeking  
some order  
for our lives.

And so we  
shop for groceries,  
paint the furniture,  
iron curtains,  
brew coffee,  
wash cups,  
fold up towels  
which we stack in neat piles  
on shelves covered with flowered  
paper  
imported from Sweden.

We try out recipes,  
collect antiques,  
polish silver,  
turn down hems,  
scrub the woodwork

on our knees,  
and send for paprika  
from a special store in the  
east 60's  
in New York City.

Otherwise  
we might have to ask  
the big question

Why,  
and to what end?

And,  
bigger still,  
what should we do instead  
if all this has no meaning.  
Sweating at the answer.

Or take a smaller case.

I had a sorrow once  
so great and desparate  
it struck me numb.

I thought that it would kill me.  
Instead

(though there was some delay)  
I folded towels,  
painted furniture,  
washed out cups,  
pondered deeply

over grocery lists.  
And went on living.

#### ATROCITY QUOTES

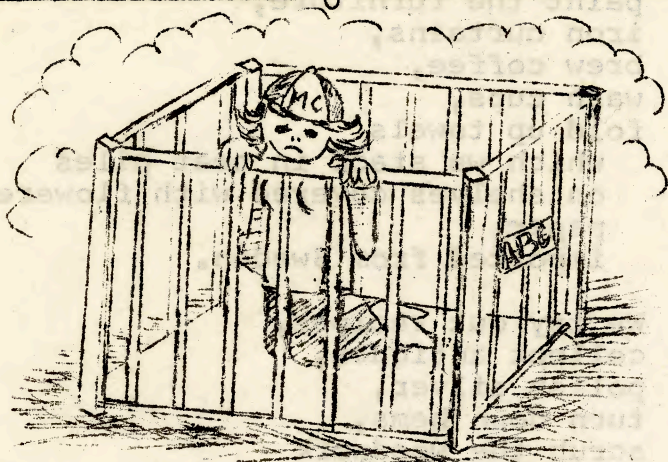
"All wickedness is but little  
to the wickedness of a woman."  
The Bible (a man-made wonder)



## MUST YOU CANFORTH?

The Mass Man is the psychopath in excelsis. A mechanized, robotized caricature of humanity, it is he who finally tears down around his head the house of his culture. A slave in mind and body, whose life signifies no more than an instrument of his master's power, a lost creature without separate identity in the herding collectivity, a mindless integer of the pack who awakens from his torpor only when prodded by the whip from outside or the stab of brute appetite from within.. it is he who finally inherits the earth and runs it to ruin.

Robert Lindner, M.D.  
Psychoanalyst



### Child's Play

"Good morning, Children!" Our professors should greet us in this manner if they want to be consistent with the apparent administration opinion. When I was a child I had more freedom than at Madison. Don't get me wrong and think that I was a wild kid. Anyone that knows me knows that I wasn't. Personal freedom is not raising hell and being wild. It is knowing that the people who matter trust you and that if you really want to do something, you can (provided it does not violate someone else's freedom). I came to college to grow, not to be forced to regress.

As a woman student, I charge Madison College with violating our personal freedom and stifling our maturity. It is trying to be the Wizard of Oz but turns out to be the Wicked Witch of the West. It tries to force us to accept its moral standards when its morality is no longer relevant to our world. What are you trying to produce-- young thinkers or "young ladies"? We are neither "young ladies" nor children. We are trying to be adults. LET US!

Sarah Schaffner

Stone Blue Breezes  
By Oliver de Thomas-Aan

Writing for an underground paper is like hanging from a tree limb by your ankle until the moon goes down i.e. all day after noon.

Where's that klutz who dresses like King Lear and keeps tripping over his sword? He's supposed to bring us those stencils! Why do we depend on that drunken...

What? You can type? Good, we have a corps of them, all pecking away like mad under the tables there. Anybody bring back money? I'm sorry, you can't sell them or we'll get busted by some blue-assed law. No money? Well, next time steal some.

You think it's fun? Well, it ain't easy. It ain't easy to squeeze water out of a rock, but damn if we're not trying, and damn if we haven't got a few drops already, though it looks like its going to be awfully polluted and not with booze either, though it looks like it.

O.K. We finished for today? Good, I'm going home to get some sleep... everybody's got to sleep sometime. (I'm fixing a hole where the rain gets in...) Turn off that music!

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