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to the Editors:

May 5 is a day of national morator- um marking the passage of one year ince the murders at Kent State and ackson. I remember that the media ast year stressed the tragic irony in he death of those students who had not ven been participating in the anti-war rotests which attracted their killers to he campus. It should not now come as a tartling fact that one cannot simply choose o ignore the war and its implications nd effect on our campus lives.

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Haverford Suffered Depoliticization, Retreat Into 'Ivory Tower Seclusion'

By William Packard

Since I graduated from Haverford in 1968 I have come to believe that one of the most important goals in a man's human de- velopment is that of consciously developing that part of his nature which is political. Political commitment is especially im- portant in light of the present world crises. Commitment demands both careful sci- entific analysis and the more difficult task of relating theory to personal and group actions. When I returned to the Main Line area this fall, I was eager to again be- come involved with the political structures which once existed at Haverford. Instead I found that since I have graduated a gradual depoliticization of the student body, faculty, and administration has taken place.

This is not the first letter which I have tried to write on this subject. The present uncovering of FBI activity in the Haverford community and the U. S. community as a whole, and the improper, naive treatment by President Coleman of this issue ("No need for further action at this point.") is frightening to many people.

Mr. Coleman as he seems to do in all such issues of this nature spoke officially, acted officially for the College without consulting in any open fashion, that I am aware of, the student body or faculty who are the majority of the community at Haverford. He did not attempt to give direction or seek aid from the members of the community in setting up a process by which the faculty and students could openly discuss this iniquitous activity and attempt to understand its implications.

H'ford Response Changes

Haverford has a long political history which is not embodied in the individual political expression as one man, as some people like to think. In the past it has been the policy of the administration to defend the issues of free speech, academic free- dom, and professional responsibility. When a Haverford student very early in the struggle against the war in Vietnam sent aid to the NLF, Haverford College in an official action paid for his defense against injunction by a PHEAA-type organization trying to take away all his scholarships on the grounds of his political activity. The result of this action was a blow to the FBI who had been responsible for col- lecting the information on the student and

Thursday, May 6:
Number Twelve in the Civilization series, narrated by Sir Kenneth Clark: "The Fallacies of Hope," BMC Common Room, 5 p.m.
"The Servant," Physics Lecture Room, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m., \$.75. Stars Dirk Bogarde, Sarah Miles and James Fox
Norman B. Boothby on "New Age of Dinosaurs," Stokes, 8:30 p.m.

a blow to the repressive forces which were involved. How different this is from the way William Davidson has been treated in a similar FBI involvement this year at Haverford.

Before I write further about this sickness, or imbalance which I call depoliticization, I should say that when I speak of com- munity and depoliticization of that com- munity I speak with a certain understanding of man's relation to the world society, i.e. from a definite point of view. I per- ceive any community as being a physical, economic, social, and political structure, created in our case by men out of a com- mon goal to live well and to strive to de- velop finer means of communication by which all men will profit by living better. It is precisely this continual changing and readjustment of the society for a better and healthier community that is political. None of the particular characteristics that I have mentioned can be separated from each other or ignored without destroying in part a man's relationship to his fellow man and his environment.

'Self-Destruction'

It also results in a sort of unconscious self-destruction, in that a man's being be- comes fragmented when the means by which he best protects himself is denied; he loses a sense of wholeness. It is this relationship to the world which I began to develop while I was a student at Haverford. It was through learning, both academic and experimental, as an individual interacting within a com- munity, that I saw education not as an end in itself, not as a huge unwieldy abstraction, but as a means by which to relate to the world society.

This notion no longer seems to exist at Haverford, and it is my contention that it once did. Some people believe that one should suspend one's political activities for four years, only to emerge more po- litical than ever. This is an absurd dis- tortion of the human learning process in that it is an artificial cessation of de- velopment not a natural resting place. What has happened to the political nature of the Haverford community and who is to blame for what I call this depoliticization are difficult questions to answer.

As The NEWS has often said, it is un- fair to put blame on one man or even one
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Coleman on '70-'71: 'I Admit to Some Regret'

By Paul Mindus

Jack Coleman appeared a troubled college president Tuesday in his office after the Senior Collection.

Commenting on the speeches of David Rosen and Roger Director, Coleman cited what he believed was their "fundamental optimism" about the potential of Haverford College and shared their regret that confrontation and interaction within the social community have given way to detached intellectualizing within the academic community.

"What I saw at the beginning of the year was a challenge to say again what we are all about," Coleman said. "But I regret that some of those dreams have proved unattainable."

Coleman started by defending his opening Collection speech during which he urged a return to hard work. "I became increasingly aware that unless this college can remain true to the concept of academic excellence, we literally will lose our reason for existence," he said.

Trying to reconcile this determination with the creative potential existing in the present period of national unrest is the primary difficulty facing Coleman.

'Some Real Regrets'

"I did not think at the beginning of this fall the thing needing greatest attention was our involvement in the outside world," said Coleman. "I may feel differently now the way I've seen the year, and I admit to some real regret, and these may seem strange words coming from a college administrator, that the year has been so quiet."

He spoke calmly and with few motions as he sat at his neatly arranged desk, occasionally shuffling papers and adjusting his eyeglasses.

While saluting the common outrage that united much of Haverford community during the May 1970 Cambodian incursion, Coleman found "nothing pejorative" in the stratification into roles of administration, faculty

and students during periods of complacency at Haverford.

"We do play roles around here, but I find it hard to think of operating in any other way except with having a part of my life in one role and still another part in another role."

"Because people differ in their concepts of what education should be in 1971, we fight about the roles, which I find healthy instead of unhealthy," Coleman said.

"At the same time Coleman found it hard to believe" that the administration's posture at the beginning of the year contributed in any way to the political complacency at Haverford.

"This same phenomenon, a phenomenon which none of us really understands, is found on all the campuses in the country now with simply no exceptions," Coleman defended.

Undue Blame

"Therefore to say that this is an outgrowth in part of the tone set by any of us in the administration is, I think, to give us either far more credit or far more blame than properly belongs to us."

The see-saw involvement and withdrawal of the College's participation in political affairs Coleman ascribed partly to a rhythm in one's life and one's activities.

"There may be one time it's very appropriate to push that (political involvement) and one time when it isn't," he noted.

"If you ask whether I'd like to see students become involved with politics, the answer is yes, but, again, with a rhythm in their lives, a period of involvement and a period of withdrawal."

"If you're asking my own involvement, my personal involvement, then there are very serious limitations in terms of my role as college president."

In remarks at the close of Tuesday's Collection, Coleman admitted regretting the perennial problem of having hopes at the beginning and end of the year and

becoming detached from them during the course of the year.

"Frankly, I've been a victim of my own dreams in this place," Coleman opened. "I've been hurt by a number of things that have happened on campus this year, and I ask myself why I get hurt by these things."

The president paused a moment.

"I realize that the reason I got hurt is because I took too seriously the set of propositions about what it is to be in a community of concern for one another, and Dave Rosen is right: concern goes far beyond politeness."

Coleman said the hurt was in the form of criticisms about the way in which the administration was operating without making the criticisms specific, "a failure to

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Board's internal machinery. They urged that members analyze the balance of interests and concerns represented when choosing new members, that all members except officers be automatically rotated off after two three-year terms, that specific Board members be groomed for leadership by placing them on a variety of committees, and that Board members analyze the most efficient and equitable ways of doing business in committees.

Two recommendations dealt with Board meetings, asking that as many as possible be scheduled on campus, and that four meetings, rather than the present six, be scheduled yearly, in October, January, March and May.

The report also suggested, but did not formally recommend, that the issue of having students and faculty on the College objectives (academic) committee of the Board be restudied in conjunction with the review of committee operations.

Review of President

The section on the president contained two recommendations. One recommended that the president should be carefully reviewed after a period of five to seven years. The recommendation did not rule out a second-term appointment, and in fact urged that the president be considered for re-appointment before new candidates for the post were considered.



—Photo by Cathy Davidson

Haverford President John Coleman conceded this week that his emphasis on a return to academic work this year may have been mistaken.

accord us the decency of confrontation." Regret is not the strongest feeling the president has at the close of the year, but "it is certainly an important feeling that comes back to me today when I listen to what Dave and Roger were saying."

"What I've realized," said Coleman, "is that the dream to some extent was unattainable, and then almost by way of contradiction to argue that I can't do that, that I have to act as if it is possible."

"My chief regret this year is that having turned to the inside concerns, we did so little about them. We don't have very much to show at the end of the year in terms of positive changes made around here."

Coleman noted as exceptions the Freshman Inquiry and the recent Colloquium.

"It should have been a good year," he reflected. "The worst thing that could happen in American education is if we let that unrest of the last couple years slip by now and don't use it creatively."

As an honorary member of the senior class, in his fourth year as Haverford's president, Coleman is pensive, having taken keenly the remarks of Rosen and Director and being unsettled about how to resolve them.

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