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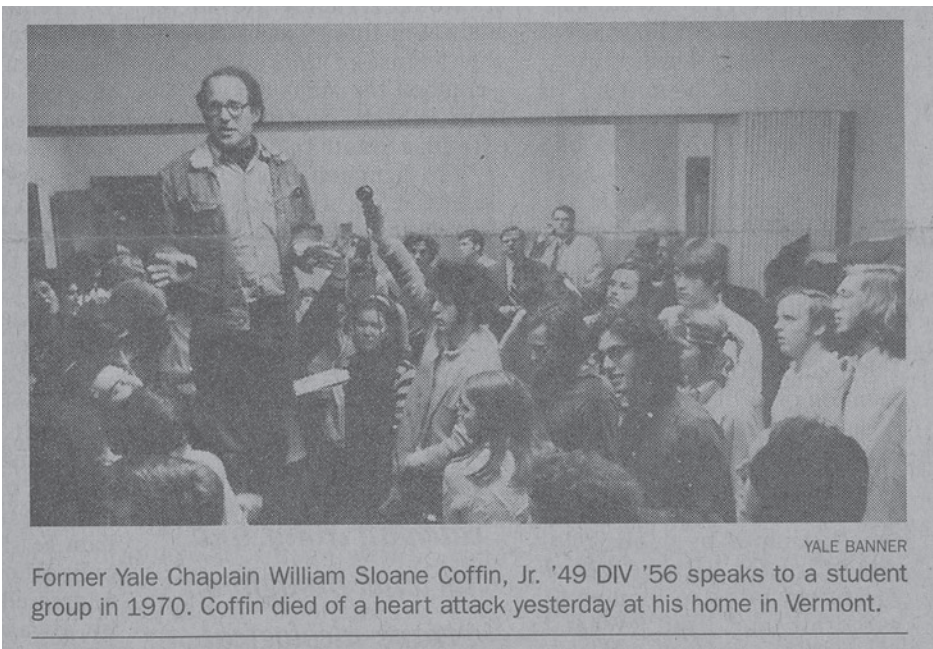
April 14, 2006 / Activist, chaplain Coffin dies at 81

By Charlotte Martin

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. '49 DIV '56, a former Yale chaplain, CIA agent and celebrated life long activist, died Wednesday in his Vermont home at the age of 81.

Coffin, a liberal Presbyterian minister, dedicated his life to social justice causes ranging from civil rights to the Vietnam War and nuclear proliferation. He leaves behind a legacy of unabashed social activism and inspiring religious leadership that extended beyond his time at Yale — first as a student and later as University chaplain from 1958 to 1975. He had been suffering from heart problems for several years, culminating in a fatal heart attack Wednesday afternoon.

“He was a prophet to the people and a pastor to the nation,” said current University Chaplain Rev. Frederick Streets, a friend and admirer of Coffin. “His voice was part of a chorus of men and women who were singing for freedom and justice in America.”



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Behind the Headline

By Olivia Woo

Last Friday afternoon, as I squandered the sunny weather down at a table in Bass Library, I received a startling text. “TD DEAN DOWN,” my friend wrote. I couldn’t believe, at first, that yet another residential college dean had decided to leave the role after three had already announced their departures within weeks of one another post-Spring Break. Coupled with the recent replacements of three heads of college, the semester was already feeling like a moment of upheaval among residential college administrators.

I quickly learned that Timothy Dwight was not the only college whose dean had announced their departure that afternoon — in fact, the deans of Grace Hopper and Branford had released similar emails at 1:01 p.m. This wasn’t a coincidence; Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis wrote to me that the announcements had been coordinated among the three deans.

Lewis also told me that Grace Hopper Dean David Francis and Timothy Dwight Dean Sarah Mahurin would be filling the roles vacated by Abby Douglas, his chief of staff, and Risa Sodi — a name many students might recognize from their Yale inboxes.

Read “Three more college deans leaving roles” on page 1.

CORRECTION:
The April 10 print edition contained a misspelled reporter’s name in the byline of a story on page 1 about the next dean of the David Geffen School of Drama’s next dean. She is Kiva Bank, not Banks. On the same page, an article about Yale President Maurie McInnis’ recent lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., misrendered a comment she made in an interview with the News. McInnis said the Financial Accountability in Research, or FAIR, model was “a primary topic of conversation,” not conservation.

Puzzles

Puzzle by Ariana Borut '27

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