

# Organizer Charges Rival Charter Flights "Illegal"

By MIKE MacADAMS

Last summer, over 200,000 Americans traveling in Europe on group flight plans were stranded when their return tickets were declared void. At the same time, a number of travel agencies on the west coast were fined a total of 14 million dollars by the Civil Aeronautics Bureau (CAB) for fraud.

Essentially, the problem stems from the CAB restriction that group flight members must be dues-paying affiliates of a creditable "affinity group" for at least 6 months. (An affinity group is legally defined as an organization consisting of fewer than 20,000 members with by-laws and membership records and functioning not solely for the purpose of travel.) To circumvent this qualification, travel agencies have invested innocuous sounding organizations and post-dated late membership applications.

The west coast is not alone, though.

According to Terry Easton, organizer of the Johns Hopkins Group flight plan (JHU is a legitimate "affinity group"), an organization called the National Vagabond Sports Club, NVSC, operating on numerous American university campuses, including Hopkins and Goucher, has been involved in a number of illegal and unethical practices. The NVSC has no purpose outside of travel and frequently post-dates membership applications, Easton declared. It also assesses new members a 10 dollar "registration fee", which is strictly forbidden by the International Association of Travel Agents (IATA) and which is pocketed by the NVSC agent. In addition it advertises its flights to non-members (also contrary to IATA rules) as well as withholding as much as 25% of payments received when, for one reason or another a scheduled flight is cancelled.

Harry Singleton, the NVSC representative at Hopkins, denied all this completely, swearing that he could never "be affiliated with any or-

ganization" engaged in "illegal practices" contending that what Easton claims is "bullshit". Pursuing the matter a bit further, he accused Easton of pulling down his NVSC advertisements from bulletin boards.

Actually, the problem is so widespread that over "one half of the international flights" provided by the major airlines are illegal, according to Easton. In addition to these regularly scheduled flights, over 85% of overseas charter flights are also illegitimate for the same violations. Over 500 of these were cancelled last year by the CAB and 125 have been stopped so far this year. So profuse is it that, Easton believes, group flights will not be offered at all next year.

Instead, it appears, the bulk fare, offered by individual airlines themselves, will replace the group fare. Though more expensive, the bulk fare plan will provide air and land transportation and hotel accommodations all in one package deal.

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### Suspension Decision Draws Protest From Appeals Bd. Members

By MARC KRIZACK

In the wake of the suspension of a Hopkins undergraduate found removing books from the University Book Center, Bob Cotter, president of the Graduate Student Organization and a member of the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), plans to send a letter to Dr. Gordon asking for a reversal of the appeals board decision.

The letter, co-signed by appeals board member Chris Ohly, will be sent to the President by the end of the week. It is based upon the view that the penalty was too stiff for the crime.

Dr. Chester Wickwire, who also sat on the appeals panel, is preparing a separate minority report which he plans to submit to Dr. Gordon, as an alternative to the Cotter letter. There is currently talk among other SAC members of a possible retrial in light of Cotter's letter and the Chaplain's minority report.

#### A Very Bad Light

On February 12, the defendant was found removing two books worth \$3.10 from the University Book Center and was promptly suspended for the remainder of the semester by Mr. Robert Bilgrave, director of Student Affairs and a member of the appeals board. Mr. Bilgrave did not sit on the Appeals Board for the case.

Cotter stated that the defendant's appeal of the suspension was based on "personal and psychological reasons". He said that the appeal was presented in a "very bad light", and that the de-

fendant's poor presentation could be attributed to nervousness or dishonesty. Cotter said that it was impossible to know which was the case, and that the appeals board should have based its decision on the fact that only two books valued at \$3.10 were taken.

Cotter stated that "there are no well-worked out sanctions between probation and suspension." He added that because this is so, "the most lenient sentence should have been given".

#### Nothing in Conflict

According to Dr. John White, professor of Art History and Chairman of the Student Affairs Committee, there was nothing in the case which was in conflict with either Dr. Gordon's proposed discipline code or the code proposed by the SAC.

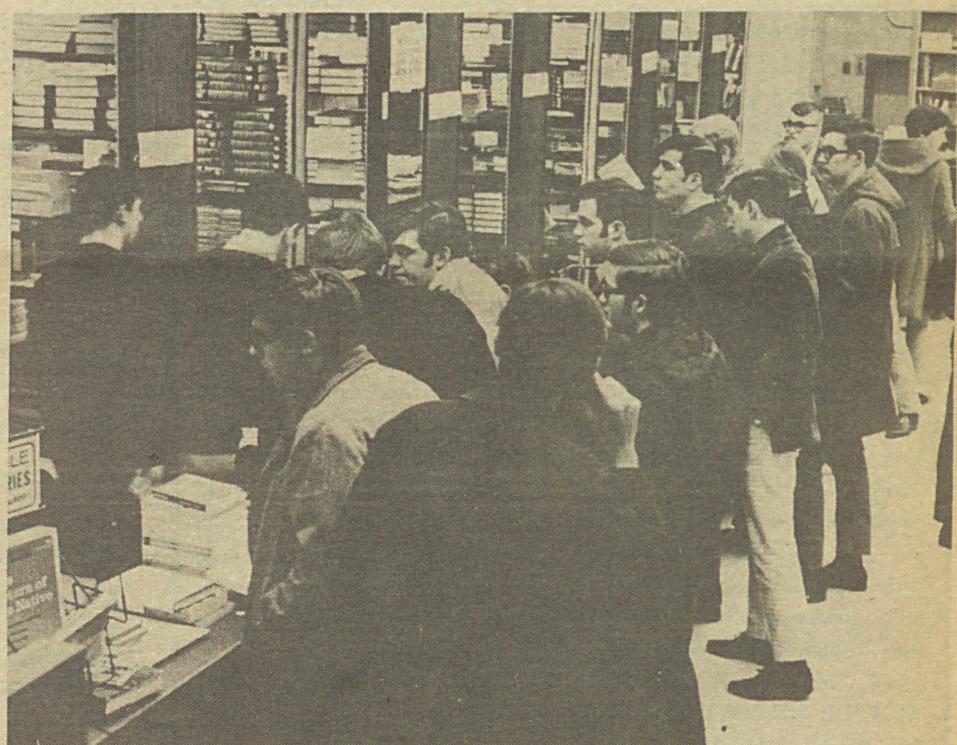
Under the temporary, interim discipline code, the SAC is serving as the appeals board as designated by Dean Kimball.

Cotter noted that neither Dr. Gordon's proposed discipline code nor the one advocated by the SAC contain intermediate sanctions between probation and suspension.

Dr. White said that the defendant did not contest the facts of the case but that he appealed the prescribed punishment.

The decision of the appeals board, though not unanimous, was a clear-cut majority. Dr. White was careful to mention that there was no student-faculty split on the issue.

The result of the two-hour session, which was closed at the discretion of the defendant, was



The University Book Center has been plagued with financial difficulties not the least of which is theft. The Book Center is annually \$20,000 to \$25,000 in the red.

called "a very wrong and bad decision" by Cotter. "The committee worked in good faith," said Cotter, "but they made a mistake."

Cotter believed that "the seriousness of the bookstore problem obscured the seriousness of the individual's case." The book store is losing money at the rate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year due to thievery.

#### Just Penalty

Mr. Robert Bilgrave stated that he did not think that the penalty was too harsh. "Had the student been tried under civil law," said Bilgrave, "he could have received a penalty of up to eighteen months in jail and a fine of \$1,000." He mentioned that others caught removing books from the bookstore had been less harshly disciplined but that the level of stealing did not decrease.

Cotter also felt that another

reason for the appeals board's decision was friction between the administration and the Student Affairs Committee. "Consciously or unconsciously there may have been a reluctance to overturn the administration a second time," said Cotter. He was referring to the two-week extra-curricular activities suspension of three undergraduates for their Moratorium Day activities on October 15.

#### Name Withheld

Dr. White has requested that the name of the suspended student be withheld since the student will now lose his 2-S draft deferral and so will now be eligible for the draft. Dr. White noted that the possibility of the student's draft board learning of the suspension will be minimized in this way so the student will have less chance of being drafted in his semester absence from the University.

# Hartman Says Draft Means ROTC Stays

By PETER KATES

ROTC is "here to stay with the new draft law. My opposition to it is in the minority," believes biology professor Philip Hartman.

Before the passage of the new law, college men faced uncertainty about their draft eligibility. They did not know whether they would be drafted until after they completed their college education. If they were sure of being taken, many would have joined R.O.T.C. so they could enter the army with a commission.

As a result of the law, college men generally know how they stand in relation to the draft before they must sign an R.O.T.C. contract. According to Dr. Hartman, now "students are forced into R.O.T.C. not to be drafted." He notes that the number of applicants has risen, making it impossible to phase out the activity.

Even so, he would like Hopkins to give ROTC a lower priority than he believes it now receives. He points out that while officially, this activity is extra-curricular, it continues to be listed as an academic department in the University

catalogue. He believes this listing gives ROTC undue importance, with respect to its official University status.

He bases his opposition to ROTC on the premise that "it directly hinders the training of scholars." Dr. Hartman wants the scholarship money now offered by the army to be used for educational purposes. He believes "it makes more sense to support a sociology major," who will contribute more to society than someone who goes into the army.

Dr. Hartman contends that "It's not fair to obligate a high school senior to sign a ROTC contract. At that age, other possibilities may open up. A significant percent may regret the decision. A Hopkins graduate who wants to serve can get a commission after graduation."

## Tomorrow's Scholars

The professor observes that following graduation, ROTC candidates are committed to six years in the army. He claims that it is "unlikely that these men can compete with students uncommitted to active military service and become tomorrow's scholars."

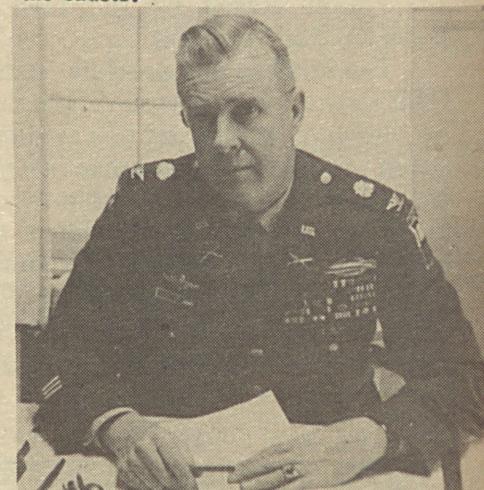
"Universities are going to have to decide whether they want to train people for the army or humanitarian purposes." The office of education could "much better distribute the fellowships" presently allotted to R.O.T.C. scholarships. "This is all the taxpayer's money. It's not what I want my tax money to go to."

As a substitute for the current military selection process, which creates a need for ROTC, Hartman said that he would like to see all deferments abolished "providing a man is susceptible to the draft for only one year between his senior year in high school and his first year in college. To have a student continually susceptible is ridiculous." He adds that an even better solution would be to cut the size of the military by four-fifths, and make it a volunteer army.

Hartman has long been involved in the controversy surrounding the place of ROTC on campus. He was one of the most active of the proponents of the removal of academic credit from the University's ROTC courses.

Hartman has also engaged in a running debate in the N-L Correspondence

column with Colonel Eleazar Parmley over the merits of ROTC on campus and in general. Colonel Parmley, in one letter, accused Hartman of "establishing himself as a self-appointed conscience for the cadets."



Colonel Eleazar Parmley, Commander of ROTC, who has in the past accused Hartman of being "the self-appointed conscience of the cadets."

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

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### TUESDAY/MARCH 3

\*4:00 p.m. NEAR EASTERN STUDIES, Gilman 329, Prof. Hans G. Guterbock, The Oriental Institute, Univ. of Chicago - "Recent Developments in the Study of Hittite History"

\*9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. DEPT. OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, Gallery and Goodwillie Rm. MSE Library, "America's Abraham Lincoln" - exhibition of paintings (daily thru March 15)

\*4:00 Dept. of Chemistry, Remsen 221, Dr. Gershon Vinson, Univ. of Washington - "Electron Spin Resonance of Pi-electron Free Radicals"

\*5:00 p.m. THAYER LECTURE-SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Turner Auditorium, Dr. Carl V. Moore, Busch Prof. of Med., Wash. Univ. School of Medicine & Physician-in-chief, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis - "Immune Mechanisms in Hematologic Disorders"

\*7:30 p.m. C.O.D.E., Levering Great Hall, Film - "You Can't Grow A Green Plant In the Closet"

\*8:00 p.m. THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE & STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Sherwood Room, Levering Hall, AWARE meeting-Blaine Taylor on "Rat Control in Baltimore City"

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 4

\*1:00 p.m. Geo. & Environmental Engineering, Ames 507, Dr. Norbert Jaworski, Tech. Support Lab., Federal Water Pollution Control Adm., Annapolis, Md. - "Nutrient Inputs into the Chesapeake Bay System"

\*2:00 to 4:00 p.m. THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE, Board Room, Levering Hall, Draft counseling by prior appointment

\*3:30 p.m. Microbiology - Basic Science Bldg. 719, Dr. Baruj Benacerraf, National Inst. of Health, Bethesda, Md. - "Cell Cooperation in the Immune Response to Hapten Protein-Conjugates"

### THURSDAY/MARCH 5

\*10:30 a.m. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING - Ames 325, Mr. J. H. Yang, Page Communication Eng' gs- "A Quasi-Linear Phase-Locked Loop"

\*4:00 p.m. OPERATIONS RESEARCH & INDUSTRIAL ENG'G - Maryland 226, Mr. Allen V. Butterworth, Head Math. Dept., General Motors Research Lab., Warren, Mich. - "A New Class of Control Problems"

\*4:00 p.m. PHYSICS - Rowland 205, Prof. A.O.C. Nier, Univ. of Minn. - "The Composition of the Upper Atmosphere"

\*5:00 p.m. BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING - Seminar Room B, Turner Auditorium, James F. Bell, Prof. of Solid Mech., JHU - "Experimentation on the Deformation of Organic Solids from Human Tissue to Silk Thread, Lamb Gut, and Muscles of the Frog"

\*7:30 p.m. THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS - Newman House, 2914 N. Charles, "Awareness" Film Discussion: "This Solitude Through Which We Go Is I"

### FRIDAY/MARCH 6

\*1:30 p.m. DEPT. OF MECHANICS - Latrobe 111-112, Prof. Martin Kruskal, Princeton Univ. - "Some Non-Linear Partial Differential Equations With Many"

\*2:00 p.m. APL/JHU HOWARD COUNTY LABORATORY - Parsons Auditorium, Dr. Robert R. Stromberg, National Bureau of Standards - "Polywater"

\*4:00 p.m. DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY - Shaffer 301, Dr. James A. Horel, Assoc. Prof. of Anatomy, St. Univ. of N.Y., Up-

state Medical Center - "Brain Pathways and Behavior"

### SUNDAY/MARCH 8

\*10:30 a.m. THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS - Shaffer 3, The Sunday Liturgy: Rev. Robert Fitzgerald, S. J. Guest Celebrant

\*5:00 p.m. THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS - Newman House, 2941 N. Charles, The Sunday Liturgy

\*8:00 p.m. - OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN - Levering Hall - "The Rights Of The Criminal Defendant," Prof. Ed Tomlinson, Univ. of Md. Law School

### TUESDAY/MARCH 10

\*11-12 a.m. DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY & COMPUTER SCIENCE - Maryland Hall, Rm. 110 Dr. William B. Marks, Assistant Prof., Dept. of Biophysics, J.H. U. - "Computer Processing of Neurophysiological Data"

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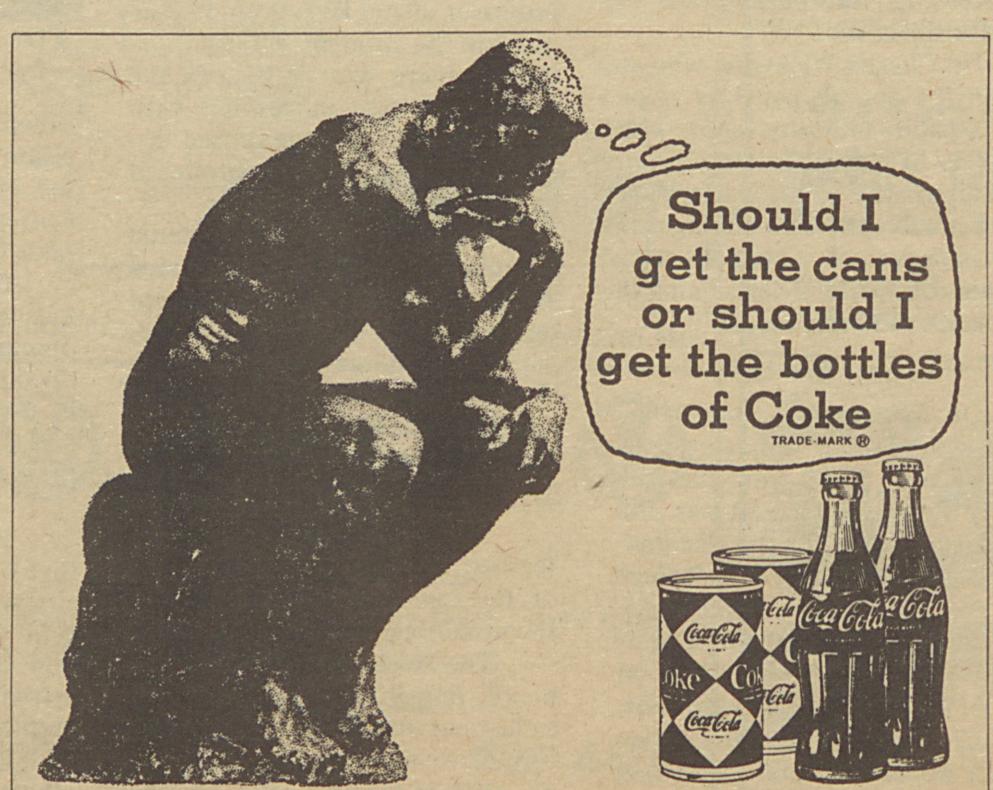
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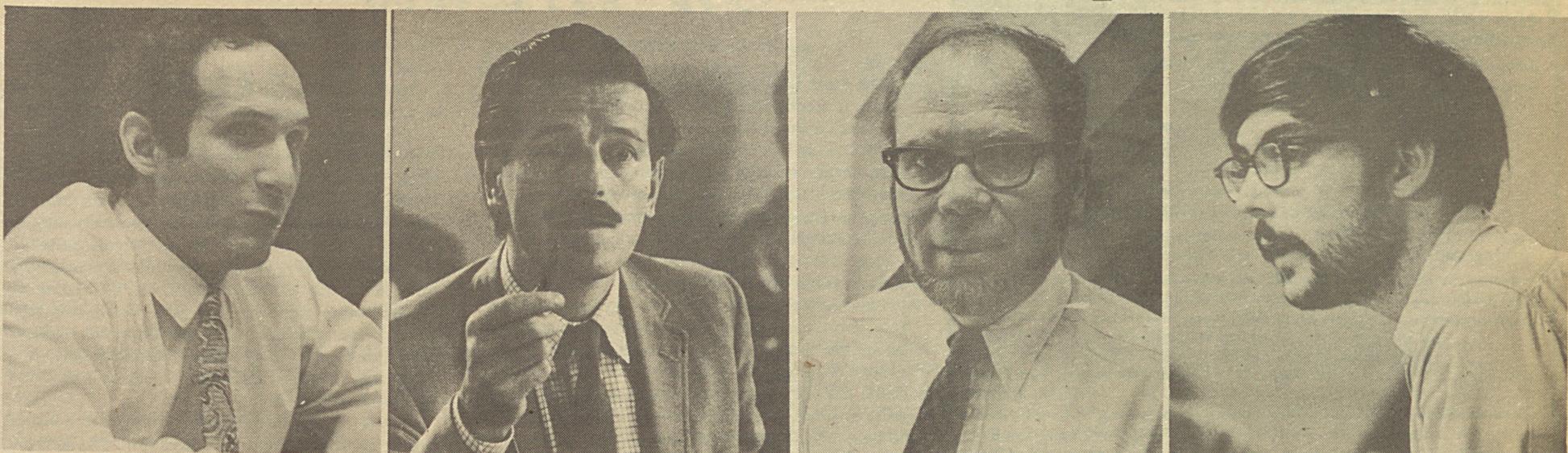
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# Apathy Hurts Undergrad Discipline Petition



From left to right: Dr. Steve Mann, who organized a faculty petition in support of the Student Affairs Committee version of the Discipline Code; Dr. John White, chairman of the SAC; Dr. Robert Gordon, who organized another faculty petition in support of the President's version of the code; and undergraduate James Cleary, who organized a student drive to back the SAC. photos this page by hoffmann

By ANDY GREEN

Apathy has stalled an undergraduate campaign to petition President Gordon to adopt the discipline code of the Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Dr. John White.

Jim Cleary, organizer of the student campaign, blamed student apathy and ignorance for the lack of support for the petition. Cleary, who originally hoped to get the signatures of fifty percent of the undergraduate student body, now has lowered his sights. "I'm not sure we'll get twenty-five percent," he said.

Cleary was amazed that despite two *News-Letter* inserts, and consistent *News-Letter* coverage, many students were ignorant of the discipline controversy. Commented Cleary, "Most of the guys don't know about it." This lack,

observed Cleary, "benefits the establishment."

Despite the setbacks, Cleary plans to continue with the petition campaign. With the aid of several assistants, he is canvassing the freshman dormitories for signatures. He indicated that he obtains about twenty signatures a night.

#### More Than Half

Dr. John S. Mann, organizer of a similar petition drive within the faculty, said that he had "more than half the required number of signatures." He still hopes to reach the required number, twenty five percent of the faculty, by President Gordon's deadline of March 31.

Neither Cleary nor Mann's petitions are accompanied by supporting reasons,

as required by Gordon. However, Mann did not think that Gordon would reject the petition simply because it did not include supporting reasons. "I feel that the petition states a good, clear opinion," said Mann. "I don't see how one can disregard this sentiment," he added.

#### Opposing Petition

Another faculty petition, supporting the opposite position in the discipline code controversy, is being circulated among the various departments. The petition, written by Dr. Robert Gordon of the Social Relations department, supports the two most controversial points of President Lincoln Gordon's proposed conduct code, the composition of the Review Board and the retention of expulsion as a penalty.

Gordon said that his petition was "slow-moving." He did not, however, think that apathy had hampered his campaign. "I think apathy is an overworked explanation of non-response," he commented. He believed that many of the faculty members not signing either his or Dr. Mann's petition had very good reasons for not doing so.

According to Bob Cotter, President of the Graduate Student Organization, about half of the GSO Council members are personally circulating a petition supporting that SAC code. Cotter stated that the GSO was trying to emphasize that "there are greater issues at stake than just the proposal." He felt that the more basic issue at stake was that of governance.

## Snack Bar Improvements Delayed; Only Small Changes Actually Made

Dormitory snack bar improvements, which include the addition of a cafeteria style counter and a new oak interior, have begun in the Alumni Memorial Residences. The work is scheduled for completion by mid-April.

According to Scott Smith, chairman of the Committee for Improving Student Facilities, the improvements were originally planned to be completed over intersession. However, delays in getting bids and awarding contracts forced a postponement of some of the work.

The plans for improvements were drawn up at a meeting on February 19, 1969, attended by Robert Bilgrave, Director of Student Affairs, and representatives of the Student Council, the DSRC, and the CISF.

The only noticeable improvements made were the erection of a cafeteria line barrier in front of the snack bar counter and the addition of a bulletin board.

#### Other Plans

Other planned improvements promise to make the dormitory snack bar livable. Booths will be installed around the periphery of the room, with new tables and chairs in the center. The television will be relegated to the basement of the dorms and a juke box will be put in its place.

The booths, tables and chairs will be made of oak. The cafeteria line set-up will be replaced with a more permanent construction also made of oak.

William "Saga Bill" McCormick, who is in charge of the Hop-

kins branch of Saga Food Service, which operates the snack bar, said that new soda machines are expected within a week. He also noted that a turnstile will be added. McCormick expressed hope that the Senior class would give a new grill and a refrigerator to the snack bar. He stressed the need created by the heavy volume of food which the present grill must handle and the lack of space for perishable foods.

#### Saga Bill

"Saga Bill" stated that the improvements will allow those interested in buying only a coke or a candy bar to do so without having to wait. He added that it is possible that candy bars and

other similar items may not be sold behind the counter but instead may be sold in vending machines to be located in a room adjacent to the snack bar.

It has not been decided whether the same number of people will be employed behind the counter. Those people now employed by Saga at the snack bar may not be employed there after the renovations are completed.

Robert Bilgrave, Director of Student Affairs, said that although work on the snack bar will be resumed during the week of spring vacation, it might not be completed. If this should be the case, the remainder of the snack bar renovations would have to wait until the summer vacation.



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## For a Student Union

Hopkins has finally come to the conclusion that students need a place to congregate and facilities for recreation if the University is to have any kind of campus. Of course, a student union will take years to build, and building cannot start without plans and funds to insure the success of the construction project. In the interim, plans call for temporary facilities to be located in Shriver Hall.

The idea to locate union facilities in Shriver until a genuine union can be built is a step in the right direction. However, the plans, as they have been formulated, give cause for concern. The Shriver Hall facility is being planned to accommodate the needs of the Homewood campus as it presently exists. The ad hoc committee is attempting to plan for students with patterns of activity which fit the Hopkins campus now.

What they have not taken into account is the substantial change which the presence of a union will make on this campus. For example, the two bowling alleys which presently serve the entire Hopkins community are often left unused. As the campus presently functions, two bowling might be sufficient for all of the students. With a union, however, students will expect and demand much more in the way of recreational facilities. The fact that there are virtually no facilities for this type of recreation and no room in the athletic center for additional facilities has postponed this demand. One must not think, however, that the present facilities in another location, or only a slight increase in the present facilities, will suffice.

Once there exists a place on campus where students may congregate, and know that they will find facilities for relaxation and recreation, there will be a tremendous increase in the number of students on campus.

At many other schools, a new union soon becomes obsolete because the planning did not take into account the change in expectations and behavior patterns which the new facilities caused. Hopkins can learn from the experiences of these other schools. A union for the Homewood campus cannot be built to accommodate its present needs. The needs of the campus, when it becomes a campus in the true sense, will be qualitatively different from those of the present.

## Bosted On Grades

By DAVID BOSTED

The most important thing to Hopkins undergraduates, it sometimes seems, is "grades." In fits of depression about the state of the University one is inevitably struck by the conviction that the appearance of the result of the learning process--grading--takes precedence in the minds of most students here over the reality of the result--wisdom or knowledge--or the learning process itself.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Hopkins grading system involves the socialization of professors into the relatively "easy" grading system. Most professors seem highly self-conscious about the grades they give, and are easily convinced to grade on a B-curve. In some cases a noble motive underscores the general practice of easy grading: professors who feel that education is to be sought for its own sake often wish to alleviate the grade-anxiety from which tier students suffer, and seek to do so by giving A's and B's to one and all.

The median grade for freshmen has been rising slowly for the past several years. It has risen from 2.48 (64/65) to 2.59 (65/66) to 2.57 (66/67) to 2.66 (67/68) to 2.71 (68/69). Some variation is no doubt due to variations in class size (classes have tended to become ever larger, so that the total undergraduate population has grown nearly 30% in the past five years) and overall class intelligence. The median grade for sophomores has also risen slowly, from 2.49 (64/65) to 2.52 (65/66) to 2.56 (66/67) to 2.58 (67/68) to 2.74 (68/69). The median grade for juniors has moved from 2.60 (65/66) to 2.66 (66/67) to 2.83 (67/68) to 2.89 (68/69). The median grade for seniors has advanced rapidly in recent years, from 2.74 (64/65) to 2.76 (65/66) to 2.80 (66/67) to 2.95 (67/68) to 3.07 (68/69). Thus, during the 68/69 school year, the median grade point of the Class of '72 was 2.71, of the Class of '73 was 2.74, of the Class of '70 was 2.89, and of the Class of '69 was 3.07.

The B-/B school-wide average stands in sharp contrast to the actual level of intellectual thought at Hopkins. It is my personal impression--N-L readers please verify or deny this--that the actual level of undergraduate scholarship at Hopkins is quite low. This impression is derived from rapping with several professors; a common complaint is that the bulk of the work which passes before them is at best "mediocre." (This is not to say that Hopkins students are not conscientious about their work. In a mechanical way, most students seem to be rather diligent.) My own impression is that so little real "thinking" occurs on the undergraduate level at Hopkins that professors richly reward any sign of perceptivity and intelligence in an effort to encourage it.

It should surprise no one that students who avail themselves of the pass-fail option have a higher median grade-point than those who do not. The pass-fail option can be a powerful tool to enhance one's cumulative average by providing credit for a minimum of work, thereby freeing time to pursue higher grades in other courses.

Grade fever infects everyone's life at Hopkins. The student who does not want his grades posted is a freak. More freakish still is the student who objects to the entire concept of posting grades. Receiving a "C" is an insult. Being given an "F" involves a moral judgment.

The vocabulary of grading at Hopkins is extensive, in proportion to the undergraduate interest in the subject. There are "aces," "bases," "hooks," "dogs," and "flags"; students who study are, among other things, "throats," "ghouls," and "grinds". Everyone in competition with you (and believe me, "cooperative learning" is a con-

cept foreign to this University) is "grade-grubbing."

The mythology of grading at Hopkins includes a number of interesting types. The tragic figure is the student who is given an "A" in his pass-fail course; he receives sympathy and consolation. The men from D-level are said to be hybrid-types, acclimated to hunching over their carrel-desks in an atmosphere (this is embarrassingly inane) "thick with study-juice." Comic relief is provided by the student who studies for an entire semester only to "blow the final." In contrast to the comic figure is the hero who gets a high grade with only minimum of effort, the student who "lucks out" in a course. The archetypal student who "cheats his way through Hopkins" is genuinely admired.

Related to the subject of grading are the norms which surround classroom behavior. Speaking out in class is taboo. Also taboo is appearing to have a passionate interest in a subject; students are expected by the peers to maintain a "cool" and disinterested front. "Cutting"--a practice which recently seems to have become more prevalent--is all part of the game.

Several professors have commented on the fact that students rarely come to ask questions during office hours. Perhaps this is because the students know all the answers; more likely it is because the questions never occur to them. Also, students are no doubt reluctant to risk becoming known as "brown-nosers", "ass-lickers", and "ass-wipers." Unenviable reputations!

Have you ever attended a lecture here? Everyone seems to write down everything ("it might be on the exam") and heads bob to the cadence of the individual professor's sentence. If you ever want to blow your Goddamn mind, just go watch people desperately try to notes as Jackson Cope gives lectures on Shakespeare and James Joyce that are intellectual and theatrical experiences.

Perhaps paradoxically, despite the admiration granted students who "pull out a course on the final," a strong notion of "justice" operates among Hopkins undergraduates. Each student "ought to get what he deserves," and the empathy of the community extends to the student who gets "screwed" or "fucked" in a course. Deserve? "Use every man after his desert and who shall 'scape whipping?" Few here at Hopkins, I should think.

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**features****'70 Novel: Beyond the '62 Chevy**

By ELLIOT KRIEGER

There's this book that you have to read and it's called Nog. It's by Rudolph Wurzler and it's a Pocket Books paperback--cheap and attractive. Whenever I explain it to someone, they are convinced not to read it. Grubby Al liked it, but I didn't push it on him. So maybe I should stop right here. No, I'll take my chances. Just remember: Nog is like the menthol cigar: it sounds terrible but it's really great.

There's a blurb by Pynchon on the back and that's a step in the right direction. "The Novel of Bullshit is dead..." he writes. I suppose by "The Novel of Bullshit" he means the novel which says more than it has to say to get you where it's going. That's fair enough. It seems that all of the major advances in fiction since, say, Dickens, have been in the art of paring. Twentieth Century novels tend more and more to eliminate fictional devices, explanations, interludes, background.

The impact of modern psychology led directly to a search for interior rather than exterior motivation--stream of consciousness became an accepted technique. The influence of the film altered our perception of time--the novel could not present jumps in locale without transitional paragraphs, filler. And then there's "the pace of modern life"--the novel must be FAST, to reflect the world around it; and besides, who has time to read a novel?

**Ultimate Novel**

Enough of these platitudes. Suffice it to say that novels have been picking up speed, with every advance, that which has been superseded becomes "bullshit." The '62 Chevy looks fat, heavy, slow; and they used to be proud of it! It's the same way with fiction.

Well, if this artichoke peeling is advancement and not just development, Nog is certainly the ultimate novel; and, since every novelist from now on will be Wurzler in one form or another, just read Nog and then go to a lot of movies. I can't imagine a novel more modern than Nog. (Of course, if I could I would write it, and Wurzler would write the blurb for my book etc.)

To tell you a little about the book:

It's really a narrator's novel, first person. The narrator (we can call him Nog I guess) is the most debased narrator you've ever likely to find. He's entirely passive--does nothing save write this book. Past time is always catching up with present time--"I am hungry and I ate"--giving the impression of a near continuous present tense, a tape-recorded outline of Nog's functions and activities.

**Ultimate Delineation**

Nog, however, does nothing. Everything is done to him. What makes the book so remarkable is the struggle which Nog as human-being has to dehumanize himself. In that sense, Nog is everything a novel should not be--it is an attempt to place a fictional construction in absolute stasis. Nog speaks to an immobilized hospital patient:

There's nothing more to do. Everything has been built, everything said, everything ruined. They even control the weather. There's no place to go... You've got yourself a decent space. Seventy-five inches by thirty-five inches, give or take a few. You've got it made..." That is Nog's goal, and Nog's goal--ultimate delineation.

Nog believes in a twisted Idealism--things exist only as perception, but imagined perception cannot be distinguished from sensory perception. He limits his memories to three things: "New York for adventure, beaches for relaxation, the octopus and Nog for speculation." You see, Nog is not the narrator's name. Nog is a remembered or imagined person. Since the narrator has no personality of his own, he adopts and improvises upon Nog when he must speak, act, or ruminante. But when he does adopt Nog he is Nog, since he is nothing else.

Meanwhile, nothing happens. That's not quite true--lots of things happen. The events in Nog are of sufficient magnitude to make this a considerably longer book. But Nog is about the narrator's perception, and there are times when he simply is not perceiving. Geographic transitions are accomplished swiftly, without description or presentation of motivation--"I hitched to San Francisco." There are lists, and moments; but no connections.

So. The narrator becomes an object, and consequently objects come to life. In a supermarket: "fields of waving coffee cans, rows of sweating lemons and expanding lettuce, shifting piles of bananas and candy bars and the food in my own cart huddling together, as if for warmth, minuscule and afraid."

The narrator's only feelings are fear, helplessness ("I am helpless before a plan"), and gratefulness ("She made no sound when she chewed. For that I am grateful"). Otherwise, he exists, he writes the book, he struggles to avoid perspective.

It's altogether a horrifying book, but to my mind a most important one. It may offer the final answer to the perplexities and paradoxes of twentieth century life. There's no place left for romantic retreat; active involvement more often than not leads to catastrophe; and personal intellectual elevation is meaningless in a world of pettiness and objects. Wurzler has had the courage to create a character who responds to his environment by mimicing it rather than ignoring it or fighting it. Nog is a genetic mutant--destined to survive and, if Pynchon is right, reproduce. For that I am grateful.

**Attention All Stones Freaks: Liver Than YOU'LL Ever Be**

By A. MICHAEL HILL

I'm sure that everyone has heard by now that there is an underground album of the Stones' live concert out and that it is recorded incredibly well considering its illegitimate origins, and that if you didn't catch one of the concerts you could buy a copy of this album and have your own concert right in your room. Well, "That's not really true."

Don't get me wrong, this is a very good album, but it's the type of album you shouldn't buy unless you know you're going to like it before you hear it; in other words, for Stones Freaks only.

There is a lot of energy released at Stones performances, witness Altamont, but only some of this goes into the music. One must remember that the entire arena is packed with people who know that THE ROLLING STONES are about to be RIGHT HERE, and as a result, they're about to explode. To give a good concert the Stones have to devote about half of their energy into being the Stones, playing their role to the hilt, in order to release all this energy built up.

**Keeping Up The Image**

So the Stones can't be expected to be as together up on the stage as, say, Creedence Clearwater Revival; they have to

play their roles as well as their instruments. One must also keep in mind that this recording is of the Oakland Concert, one of the first. Reports have it that the Stones got better and better as the tour went on, thus this music is not as good as that heard in Baltimore and New York. So, just because it's the Stones live and you've heard from a friend who went to a concert that it was great, don't expect this album to be great. A lot of ingredients go into a good Stones concert, and the music is only one.

Just to keep the image up, the album opens with Jagger saying "Shit," apparently over some equipment hassle. Then, they break into an old Chuck Berry song, "Carol." A friend of mine who is a dedicated Stones freak believes that if the Stones were completely free to play the music they wanted, they would stick to old rock 'n roll, and if the guitar playing Richards does on this cut and on "Little Queenie" on the other side is an indication, I'm inclined to agree with him. Very together, though without the piano they used in Baltimore.

Just to prove their fallibility, the Stones then proceed to blow "Gimme Shelter." Rolling Stone's "Best Cut of 1969" just isn't the same without Nicky Hopkins and Mary Clayton. The Stones dropped this song from the rest of their concerts.

**Potpourri Of Percussion**

The Stones admirably solved the problem of how to do "Sympathy for the Devil" on stage by giving Taylor's guitar a large burden of the rhythm responsibilities. His hesitation beat riff, combined with Watts, Fat-back drum beat adequately take the place of the potpourri of percussion on Beggar's Banquet. It was much tighter in Baltimore, but here it has the togetherness of a good jam. This is followed up by an oldie, "I'm Free," featuring a fine break by Mick Taylor, and a fine vocal by Jagger. "Live with Me" closes out the side; it's fairly good, sticking pretty close to the record.

The high point of the album is the beginning of side two; "Love in Vain," featuring Mick Taylor, is incredible, and that's all one can say. Almost as good is "Midnight Rambler" which really gets together after a slow beginning. This is followed by "Little Queenie." "A song from back when we were all fallin' out of our cradles." A little crowd-hype from Jagger, complete with some crowd-hype drum rolls from Watts, and right into a very powerful "Honky Tonk Women." Closing out the album, and the concert, is "Street Fighting Man," which sort of moves along on the edge of the wave of energy that's flowing from the crowd.

All in all, not bad, but unless you're the type that'll get a kick out of hearing Jagger rap between songs, you'll probably be disappointed.

Gary St. Peter  
Class of '72**Letters To The Editors****SHAME ON SOTIR**

To the Editors:

In reading Alex Sotir's letter, I am unable to believe that he himself considers what he wrote as factual. His accusations and allegations to those at whom he personally directed his letter are totally biased and flatly wrong.

One can obviously see from the letter that it was directed to the Editor of the sports section of the News-Letter, in response to the "Jay's Nest" article of Feb. 20th. His implication seems to be that the Sports Editor, in making a statement about a "bush" banquet, could only criticize and that the editor was "one who sits on the sidelines of all the games of life criticizing and unwilling to give of himself." This is the most irresponsible accusation toward someone who has been so heavily involved in so many activities that I have ever come across. Mr. Sotir seems to direct his accusations at those people who are the most involved. Perhaps his letter would have taken on at least some respectability if it had been directed at our apathetic Student body rather than at those who "put out" every day, in a

number of areas.

In "thankning God" for specific individuals on the campus, I fully agree that the Russ Passarellas and Paul Allens get involved and are willing to "stand up and be counted." They are willing, as is the News-Letter Sports Editor, George Kirschbaum, to get involved every day, in a number of areas, doing work which is not lauded or reported in the University (such as the Student Council, the News-Letter, Hullabaloo, BIA Secretary, Orientation, etc. etc.) They break their backs behind the scenes and they work in thankless and unpublicized areas.

Granted, playing varsity athletics requires much time during a season and they, the athletes, must put out a great deal. However, far be it from me to believe that those athletes have put out, gotten involved, and "stood up and been counted in the arena of life," as Mr. Sotir so eloquently puts it, to the extent that Mr. Kirschbaum has done so.

In his "Jay's Nest" articles over the past year, George Kirschbaum has consistently pushed to get more enthusiasm for Hopkins athletics, has "stood up"

for Hopkins athletics, and has taken initiative in trying to organize a tournament in Baltimore to complement our athletic program. He has met with little support from the Hopkins Athletic Center, that's for sure. Yet Mr. Sotir disregards all this and has the gall to accuse the Editor being of himself "bush" and criticizing without getting involved.

Kirschbaum thought the athletics deserved a better deal at their banquet than they got, yet Sotir has successfully twisted that also. I think Alex Sotir has done a disservice to George Kirschbaum in criticizing him when he has worked so hard to try and develop some semblance of spirit for Hopkins athletics.

Although a thank-you should have been the word coming out of the Athletic Office for all George Kirschbaum has done in pushing Hopkins athletics this past school year, Kirschbaum instead has been criticized for doing something worthwhile and beneficial to Hopkins.

I think an apology by Sotir is definitely in order.



Out of the frying pan and into the fire. The housing crisis worsens, and the University has little to contribute beyond an alternative slum with equally outrageous rents. photo by hoffmann

# Landlords' Anti-Student Bias Creates Housing Problems

By HARVEY LUKSENBERG

In their first year at Hopkins, freshmen live in the splendor of Baltimore's most fashionable ghetto, the Dorms. In time these freshmen turn into sophomores or worse, and cross Charles St. for the first time, looking for their own dwellings. Here they are in for a rude shock, for on the other side of the tracks is a harsh world where people are loathe to rent to them because they belong to the most despicable of all castes--they are students.

Increasing discrimination against students by landlords is making finding a decent place to hang you head a near impossibility. Those who do find a place are often forced to pay prices that would shock Shylock.

Take, for instance, the woeful tale of Stan Metlits and Marvin Kirsch, who, along with a couple of other friends have been searching for somewhere to live since last September. They started out, as many do, by going to a housing service. There, they were frankly told that many real estate agents don't like to rent to stu-

dents.

Discouraged, they tried to get in touch with an agent who would be sympathetic to their plight. Finally they found Mrs. Kaestner.

Mrs. Kaestner soon found a house on Calvert Street that met the group's approval. The landlord, a bit wary of the youths, wanted to see them for himself, so that he could acknowledge whether or not they were "nice boys." Even after this inspection, he demanded an additional four hundred dollars security deposit, to cover any damage the prospective tenants would inflict upon the premises.

Marvin and Stan and company really liked the place, so they didn't mind putting up the extra four hundred dollars. In due process, a lease was signed.

The group anticipated hearing from the landlord about when they could move in. For about two weeks they waited and anticipated, after which they went to the housing bureau to see what was up.

At the bureau, the boys were told that the house in question

had not and would not be rented to them. It seems that the landlord had finally seen the light, and had decided against leasing the house to students.

**Epilogue:** Today, Marvin and Stan live in a row house rented from Mr. Williams, the student landlord; "Just cruddy. The walls were slapped together. It's not worth \$280 a month. Half the furniture fell apart. He (the landlord) will respond to the complaint--eventually. He does have the money to fix it up. If you give him a lot of stuff at once, he gets pretty mad. He's sort of lazy."

A general feeling prevails, among those who are frustrated in their quest for housing, that the University should do something.

Other universities offer some succor to otherwise helpless students in seeking housing. They have housing bureaus and lists of approved places to live.

Sensibly priced off-campus undergraduate housing might diminish such feelings as Stan's, who thinks that the "University sort of turns you out."

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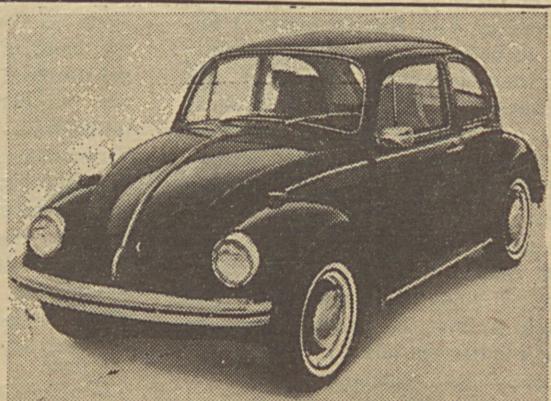
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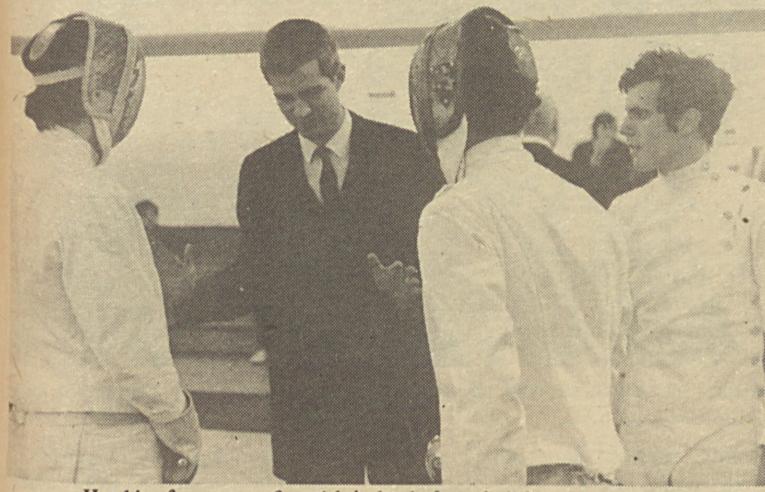
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# news-letter Sports



Hopkins fencers confer with judge before their latest match with Temple U. The varsity lost 20-7, while the freshmen capped a perfect season.

## Sports \*\*\*\*\* Briefs \*\*\*\*\*

### MAC FINALS

Team	Conference	Pct.
Muhlenberg		.929
PMC		.824
Johns Hopkins		.667
Dickinson		.588
Drexel		.538
Swarthmore		.500
Ursinus		.467
Lebanon Valley		.375
Washington		.333
Franklin & Marshall		.214
Moravian		.167
Haverford		.083
Western Md. *		.444

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Team	Overall	Pct.
Muhlenberg	14 6	.700
PMC	19 5	.792
Johns Hopkins	10 8	.555
Dickinson	11 11	.500
Drexel	1 10 11	.476
Swarthmore	9 7	.563
Ursinus	8 8	.500
Lebanon Valley	7 12	.368
Washington	4 16	.200
Franklin & Marshall	3 16	.156
Moravian	3 16	.158
Haverford	4 13	.235
Western Md. *	8 14	.364

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### FROSH IN NCAA'S

Freshman will be allowed to participate in the NCAA championships of the following sports—swimming, track, cross country, fencing, tennis, golf, wrestling. Authorization must come from the Athletic Department although university funds are not available to make such trips possible. Those who desire to participate in the events must first qualify and then be willing to pay their way.

## Grapplers Prepare for Championship

Last week, the Varsity wrestling squad boosted its season record to 5-6 by defeating Catholic University by a score 32-8, while losing to Swarthmore College in a close match, 21-18.

The match against Catholic University came after a strong win over Ursinus, and was definitely the team's best showing of the season. It featured a record breaking thirteen takedowns, in addition to four pins and four decisions. The pins were registered by Captain Jack Hanemann (his third of the year), Bob Sanborn, Nick Pratt (his seventh of the year), and Marshall Kapp (his first pin of the season).

Everyone else who wrestled below 158 got a decision over his opponent, except in the 118 class, which was forfeited by Hopkins. The only true loss was at 167, where Fred Ryland got beaten by C.U.'s Comereski.

Despite the momentum of the team, the wrestlers lost to a very tough Swarthmore last Saturday by a score of 21-18. Actually, after the 190 lb. weight class, the score was tied 18-18, and it took a good match by their unlimited wrestler, Byers, to secure a victory. Highlights of the match were Turschen's fourth pin of the season, Hane mann's fourth also, Betta's decision at 142, Sanborn's draw with Lazzeri, and Jim McMenamin decision at 190 lbs. (wrestling for Pratt).

Today and tomorrow, the Mason-Dixon Championships are being held at Towson, followed by the MAC Championships the following week at Wilkes. Despite last week's loss, Hopkins has been tough in the last three matches, and should continue to do well in the championships. Coach Belinko's prediction that Hopkins will do well in the tournaments should hold true for the next two weekends.

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# Advice From Kaufman: 'Tighten Up Your Belts'

By STEVE MILLER

Mr. David Kaufman, Director of Financial Aid, sees Hopkins headed for a time of tighter funds in the next academic year.

"The amount of money (available) will be greater, but the problem is, the needs will become even greater, and I look forward to an austerity situation."

Mr. Kaufman said that the request for Government funds was sent in October of 1969. Increases in all three areas of Government sponsored aid programs, National Defense Student Loans, Economic Opportunity Grants, and the Work Study Program, were approved. However, he does not know if Congress will appropriate these funds. Mr. Kaufman added that Hopkins is now spending money not yet appropriated by Congress. Last year's act has been extended to the end of March.

#### Losing Proposition

If appropriations are cut for the school year 70-71 Hopkins

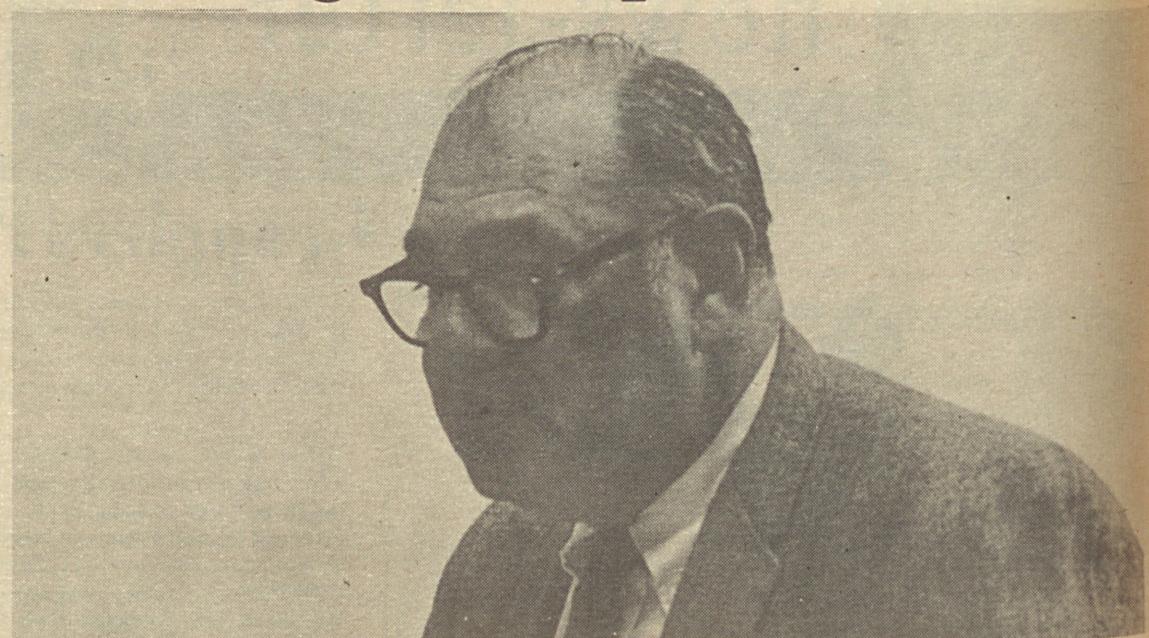
will be affected differently in the three programs. If Economic Opportunity Grants are cut back moderately, "...we won't be hurt." Last year Hopkins had a surplus in this area of aid and so a slight decrease in available funds should not cause a tight money situation.

If Work Study funds are cut, job hours will be affected. "It (a cutback) will impair the program," Mr. Kaufman said, "but we didn't even have it three years ago."

A cutback in National Defense Student Loans would also hurt. "Money is so tight that banks aren't lending it. It's a losing proposition for banks."

#### Professors and Coeds

However, Mr. Kaufman added, "We will get more money for scholarships next year because they (the Budget Committee) cannot turn a think like that down. But we won't get sufficient (funds), to cover the increase (of students)." He noted that the university



David Kaufman, Director of Financial Aid: "...the needs will become even greater, and I look forward to an austerity situation."

is pressing the search for qualified students from deprived areas. These students with extreme financial need of course require more aid of all types. In addition, the acceptance of coeds will add to the monetary problem.

Mr. Kaufman stressed the fact that the Board of Trustees has done everything to avoid raising Tuition. However he noted that staying competitive for the best professors costs. "Everybody is going to tighten in a little."

"I don't think we'll lose a stu-

dent because he couldn't afford to come here," Mr. Kaufman said of present undergraduates. He predicted of next year's Freshmen, however, "We might very well lose some incoming students."

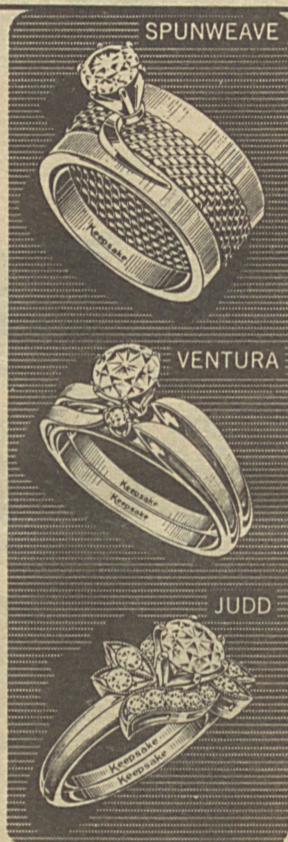
Of the tuition increase, Mr. Kaufman assured that the university was perfectly aware that this would create more need on the part of the student on scholarship. However, he pointed out that in a tight money situation the full \$250 dollar increase would most likely not be completely made up by Hopkins.

Mr. Kaufman cited several possible necessities in an austere situation. First, "to divide the work a little more equitably." Students who felt work would interfere with their throbbing may now have to hold a job for a few hours a week. Secondly, "We're going to have to cut down on some of the pleasurable things." He suggests that some students may have to use more of their summer earnings toward school expense, and not toward unnecessary luxury items or vacations. He added, "I have a feeling it will make for stronger people."

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