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STUDENT FEES

Students Sit In at Administration Building Gallagher Is Adamant; Refuses to Yield

A sit-in was staged in the Administration Building last Thursday to protest Dr. Gallagher's rejection of Student Government demands.

Two demands were presented to the President as a result of a Student Council meeting on Nov. 14. These demands were:

1. That the results of the forthcoming Student - Faculty referendum on the draft be considered as binding on the College;
2. That a temporary committee be formed to investigate alternative proposals for an institutionalized student-faculty-administrative joint decision making power.

Larry Yermack made it clear that the purpose of the sit-in was not to express an opinion on the Vietnam War, but only on Administration policy. Several members of Progressive Labor Party and W. E. B. Du Bois Club tried to focus attention on the War. When Rick Rhoads, of Progressive Labor, attempted to associate the War with the sit-in, Larry Yermack told him that he was speaking on the wrong subject. Some students booed and others cheered.

A highly reliable source informed Tech News last Thursday that Dr. Gallagher said that the sit-in was being used as part of a power grab by students to "take over the College" and "reduce it to anarchy."

At 11 P.M. the same night, Dr. Gallagher issued a statement to clarify his position and correct distortions of his remarks. He said: "I categorically deny the sit-in is Communist led or dominated."



Demonstrators sitting in Administration Building lobby Thursday afternoon.

The President complained that his previous remarks had been distorted by "a few radio and television news broadcasts this evening" because of "condensation" and "presentation out of context."

Referring to an answer he had given to a reporter's question, he said: "If I had had my wits about me, I should have replied at once

what I now in sober wisdom assert — that political affiliation was irrelevant to the issue of the sit-in."

According to WABC, Dr. Gallagher said that CCNY campus "is the number one target for the American Communist Party" in the nation. He also reportedly said that Student Council represents a minority of the enrollment.

Later that day, Dean Hamalian said that the charges made by Dr. Gallagher that the demonstration was "communist-infiltrated" were "irrelevant." He also advised the 50 students who planned to sleep-in not to be deterred by threats of punishment from the Administration.

Dr. Gallagher had said previously that he cannot legally accept being bound by the forthcoming referendum. On Nov. 7th, he wrote to Student Council that, "The four academic faculties of the College have sole authority, under the Board of Higher Education in all academic matters (Sec. 8.5 of the Bylaws). If you wish the forthcoming referendum of opinion on class standing and the draft boards to be binding on the College, you should address your demands to each of the faculties. They, alone, have power to grant your request."

Although the sit-in was un-

E & A Day in Jeopardy

Engineering and Architecture Day 1967 is in danger of cancellation. It seems that there is a lack of faculty support.

At the beginning of this term,

Tech Council decided to have an E & A day in late March. Up until this year, however, due to declining attendance in the last two "Days," Tech Council thought it was wise to make it an annual affair as it once was in the 1950's.

The reasoning behind this was that some of the student organizers of last year's E & A Day were still around, so they would now have the experience to make the event a greater success and insure a greater attendance.

The main opposition from the faculty is that the work involved is not worth the meager return. Dean William Allan, sensing the professors' lack of enthusiasm, has so far refused to write a memo asking that the department chairmen cooperate with the Tech Council E & A Day committee.

Tech Council president, Jack Koplowitz, has stated that it is useless to hold E & A Day on a bi-annual basis. He said that if this is done, "the same mistakes will just be made over again."

Mr. Koplowitz also said that outside attendance isn't the only measure of a successful E & A Day. He said that this is the one day of the year that the majority of the engineering students do something for the school.

He said that this activity tends to create a greater interest and pride in the school and tends to promote better student-faculty relations.



Angry Shelly Sacks addresses sit-in.

usually heavily attended, not all organizations supported it. The Presidents of HPA, Hillel, Tech Council, IFC, and Lock and Key signed a letter to their respective organizations asking students not to participate in the sit-in. The signers were Jesse Walden, Albert Mizrahi, Jack Koplowitz,

Gerald Jaffe, and Peter Vogel.

The reasons they gave for opposing the sit-in were:

1. "... this type of action can only destroy the line of communications between students, faculty, and administration ... ;"
2. "Any steps with regard to the computation or release of class standings should be directed to Faculty Council and other legal faculty bodies who have academic jurisdiction and not to the President, who does not;"
3. "... there are other avenues to be explored before the use of coercive tactics of this type are justified."

The letter indicated support of the Student-Faculty-Administration Committee which would give students a voice in policy-making.

Mike Markowitz, a member of the National Advisory Board of NSA, promised support from NSA president Gene Groves. The NSA, he said, will contact other schools, such as Stanford, Berkeley, and the University of Wisconsin, to get their support for the sit-in. Also, it is possible that students from other colleges may come to join the sit-in.

Revisions Proposed in Thermo Courses for EE's

Changes in the required thermodynamics sequence for E.E.'s are being proposed by the Student-Faculty Committee on Engineering Curriculum.

According to Daniel Sheinbein, chairman of the Committee, a report was submitted last term "to make the faculty aware of the existing problems in the thermodynamics sequence." The sequence consists of ME 101 and ME 111 courses.

Professor Avallone (Chm., ME) said that the entire sequence is "under consideration." He would make no comment on any proposed changes until a committee in the ME department made its final recommendations. However, he pointed out that these changes could be made without a student referendum.

The report submitted by the students on the Student-Faculty Committee stated that the present courses "do not have the E.E. students' interests in mind."

The students felt that the basic thermodynamic course ME 101 should be revised with the emphasis changed from problem solving to the understanding of principles and theories.

The ME 111 course, the report stated, is "irrelevant and completely unrelated to the electrical engineers field." This laboratory course, the students felt to be unworthwhile because only the technician uses the machinery.

The students recommended that

the courses be given in the Physics or EE department.

A letter submitted by the faculty on this committee to Prof. Clemens (Chm., EE) said that the report had merit and that it was compiled by responsible students.

Games Start In SR League

The Slide Rule League will begin its fall schedule this Thursday. Five teams will compete in basketball and six teams in touch-tackle football. The schedule for this week is:

- Football**
12:05-12:35 — Jasper Oval
North Field
S.A.M.E. — TECH NEWS
Center Field
Pi Tau Sigma — Unit Ops
South Field
Alpha Mu Epsilon
Eta Nu Gamma
- Basketball**
1:05-1:25 — Wingate
Unit Ops — S.A.M.E.
1:25-1:45 — Wingate

The Tech Teams are actually a division of the Independent League. The championship Slide Rule League teams will compete with the Independent winners for the title of Independent Champion. The Independent League Champs will then play H.P.A. and I.F.C. for the college championship.

Gallagher Evades Crowds



As fate would have it, while the so-called "campus democracy" protestors sat-in at the Administration lobby, Dr. Gallagher was not available for comment. Although some of the protestors and reporters were told that Dr. Gallagher was "in conference" and could not be disturbed until two o'clock, (when the sit-in might be over), the truth of the matter is that Dr. Gallagher was some two hundred yards away taking part in the R.O.T.C. exercises that had been previously scheduled for the same hour.



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S.G. and Gallagher

The concept of "campus democracy" is a false hope. Although students should very much be involved in formulating the policies of the College, the Administration cannot be bound by fluctuating and divided student opinion.

President Gallagher had indicated, however begrudgingly, a willingness to listen to student demands concerning the draft and the Master Plan. He should have been given more time in which to carry out his stated intentions. The sit-in provoked a premature and uncalled-for split between the students and the Administration.

Unfortunately, Dr. Gallagher's reactions were much more damaging to the College. In an apparent effort to gain public support, he implied to the mass media that, among other things, the sit-in was being used by a small group of "Communist" students to "take over the College." His statements were not only irrelevant, as he later admitted, but also highly irresponsible.

Downgrading the College in the eyes of the community can only have an adverse effect on the teaching and research programs. Community pressures, an unsympathetic legislature, and consequently less financial aid would make it increasingly undesirable for new faculty to come to teach here. This in turn would erode the College's academic reputation.

Dr. Gallagher's remarks give the right wing a perfect weapon against the College. Relations with the right already are strained. His "Red Scare" implications makes it much easier for Upstate Republicans to promote their political views against the school and against supporters of free tuition.

Because of Student Government's premature demonstration and Dr. Gallagher's irresponsible remarks, Student-Administration relations are now so badly split that even his apology and his attempted corrections will not remove the scars that will remain. Certainly neither Dr. Gallagher nor SG have acted in the interests of the students and the faculty.

Referendum

The draft referendum will be held this week on November 16, 17, and 18. We urge you to vote and show that you care about your future and the College's policies. We recommend that you vote to oppose the release of class standings (No. 1), to oppose using the College's facilities for tests (No. 2), and to support the proposed committee (No. 3).

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QUESTION: Do you think that all or part of the student body should be allowed unlimited cuts?

Daniel Van Engel, lower soph, Pre-Med. I feel that a student should be mature enough not to cut a class; however, I don't see why he should be forced to attend. If a student is interested in an education he will probably attend classes. If he misses any, he probably realizes that he can learn better on his own. On the other hand, one who shows no interest in being educated will probably learn little whether or not he attends. What one should gain from a course is knowledge, not an attendance record.



Van Engel

Dash

Steve Dash, lower senior, Physics. Rather than a "system" of unlimited cuts, I think the present system of compulsory attendance and penalties for "cuts" should be totally and unconditionally abandoned — for all students of the University. It should be left to the student as a right, and a responsibility — to use his own discretion in the matter of absences for class. If he will not "over-cut" to the point of impairing his education and will be sure to catch up adequately on whatever work he misses. If he does not do this, then his performance will suffer, and his grades will be a quite sufficient "penalty." Automatic penalties for cuts have no place at a serious free institution of learning. Incidentally, neither does the new policy of automatic probation for cuts — and even for legitimately sanctioned leaves of absence — with no means for removing such probation ever stated by the Administration. This too should be dropped immediately, for it goes completely against the grain of a democratic university existing for the educational benefit of its students, and tends rather to make college a regimented factory of pseudo-educational "training."



Ascher

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David Ascher, upper junior, Psychology. Yes, definitely, for the whole student body. Some students should attend classes regularly in order to have a meaningful educational experience. If they don't, they'll suffer through low marks and/or a lousy learning experience. Other students don't need the classroom (or especially some of the more backward and punitively run classrooms) in order to get something worthwhile out of school. There's no reason why they should be forced to go to classes.

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GROSS SAYINGS

By JEFF GROSSMAN

People are always stopping me to talk about my column. They say things like, "You know, you write just like you talk," or, "You really make up all those things, don't you?" and most of all, "Hey, how come an eco major writes for TECH NEWS?" In light of this, I hereby announce a new feature in this column. From now on, GROSS SAYINGS will publish all gripes and grumps which are presented, in writing, to room 335 Finley addressed to yours truly. Hoka Start bitching.

At the University of New Hampshire there is certainly no lack of student interest in college sports. The UNH football team gained its first victory in two years by defeating Maine 10-7 on a last minute field goal. One student immediately organized a victory snake dance on the field. He was promptly arrested. The charge? Parading without a permit of course.

Not satisfied with your final grade? Take it to court. And if you do, you can cite another case as a precedent. Majalyn Dieffenderfer, a coed at the University of Colorado, has done just that. When she received an F as a final grade for cheating on the final exam, she appealed for judicial mercy. So far no action has been taken, but then again, she had no precedent to turn to. (How about Precedent Johnson?)

I came across the following while reading through the St. John's Downtowner. Please don't ask what it means, why it's there. In a small box was: "Scumm is coming. Right!!"

Gypsy Rose Lee is now second rate at George Washington University. A sociology instructor is the current rate. Having warned students in his class that he was about to do something slightly unorthodox, Joseph Tropea put on sunglasses and divested himself of suit, coat, tie, shirt, and trousers. Standing before the class in underwear and garters, Tropea concluded his lecture on roles individuals play. Departing from the normal garb and behavior of an instructor, he was trying to illustrate the process of role changing. If he was teaching a memory course instead of sociology, he could have easily demonstrated a slight case of amnesia, forgetting to put on his shorts in the morning.

There is a blaring headline on the University of Buffalo Spectrum, reading: "Sidewalks and Parking Lots to Replace Useless Grass." NO COMMENT!!

The Colby Echo reported of its traditional panty raid the freshmen last week. The raid was carried off with precision timing, even though the cunning women met the invaders with water, dye, and foam (?). The prize catch was 38C, while the low haul was a 28AA. The owner of the 38C was allowed (would you believe, requested) to claim her mentionable, but the "skinny" one was told: a) "Don't bother to appear"; b) "Here, you can use my sunglasses in the meantime."

(Which reminds me — What's the definition of a zebra? The largest size you can buy.)

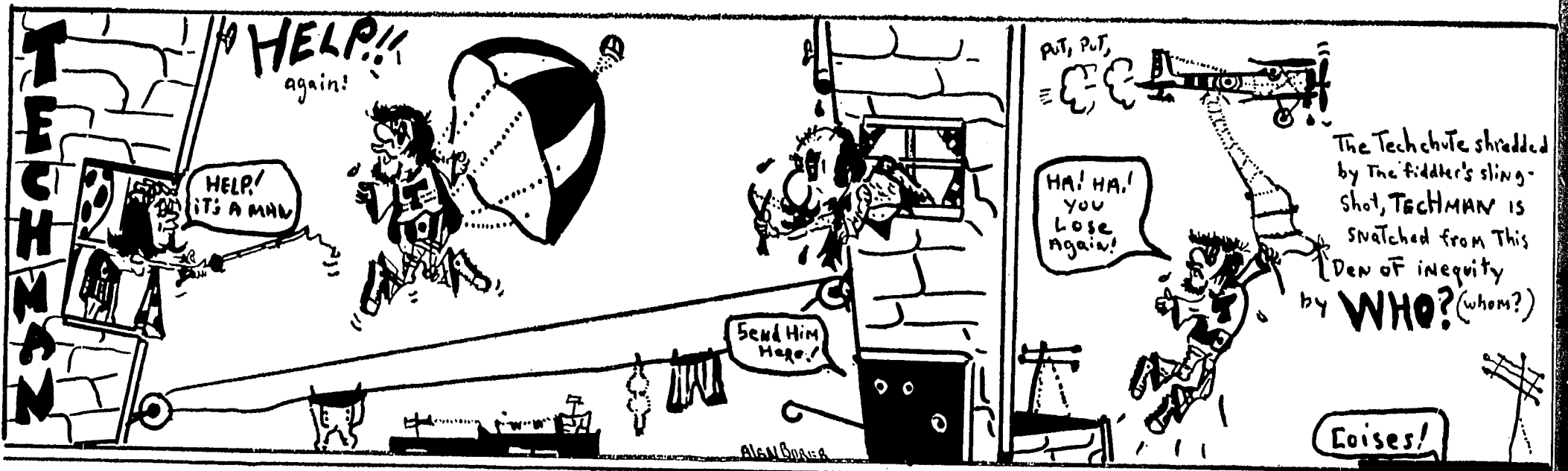
At the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Vt., a large building that is the focus of student activities, known elsewhere as "the student union," has been renamed "the student center." It seems that the townspeople of that bustling metropolis didn't exactly cotton to the word "union."

An ad from the Spectrum: "WANTED! Good Libertarian Home for Anarchist Tom Cat named Kropotkin." Any libtines out there?

The University of Toronto held a debate on the resolution, "Shorter Skirts Are a Threat to Democracy." Among the arguments used were ones that short skirts cause distractions to working men, and that they breed a new social disease — sexual frustration. "The next mini-skirt you see, tear it down," said one of the debaters. The collapse of the clothing industry was imminent according to another. "When the hemline reaches the neckline, only the belt makers will be left." Mini-skirts also undermine education. "Pity the professor who has 350 pairs of thighs staring at him," said another. "The gross national product varies directly with natural resources. People are natural resources. Minis encourage more people. Therefore mini-skirts increase gross national product. RIGHT!!"

P.S. to P.H. See, I didn't forget.

P.P.S. Don't you forget to send in those gripes, grumps, and assorted other bitchings.



Robbery at Knifepoint In Steinman

On Wednesday, November 9, at 3:30 p.m., a student was robbed at knifepoint in the men's room in the first basement of Steinman Hall.

The student had seen his accoster in the mirror of the men's room but thought nothing of it. After he proceeded to the urinal the man drew a knife, pressed it against his back and demanded money. The student gave the man all the money he had, which was only 70 cents, his watch, and a Bohemian doll that he had purchased during a trip to Nassau.

The attacker then told him to be quiet and exited from the room, leaving the engineering building through the side door. The student was not harmed.

The thief was described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, about 170 pounds, Negro, wearing a brown hat and a grey 3/4 jacket. The victim could not describe any of the other articles of clothing that the robber wore.

Mr. Fleming, head of Buildings and Grounds Dept., who is responsible for school security, stated that events such as this are rare at the college. The usual crimes at the college consist of handbag and book liftings in the cafeterias, and purse snatchings during registration.

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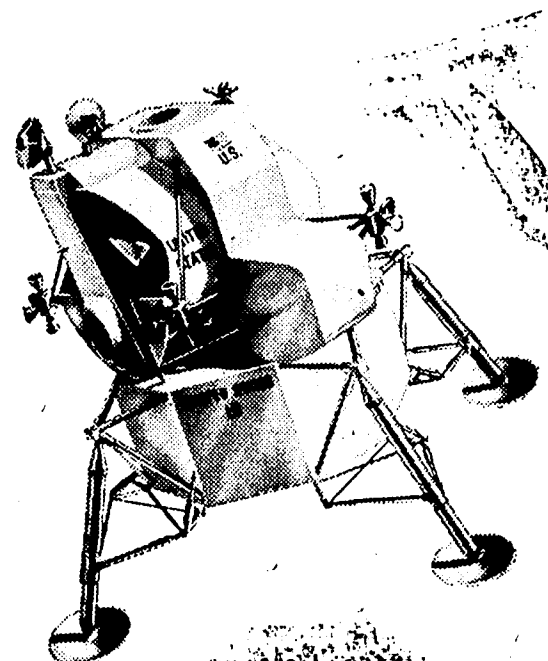
By TOM KRAUSS

Weary from suffering to reason better, he continues to search beyond his pride But sees darkness in man's spirit, and illusion in any hope. As with shadows, that cannot see the light that cause their casting, Self-destruction follows the secret's revelation.

Room 228

By TOM KRAUSS

I hear the hushed rustle of pages — The perpetual search through past ages. I feel the dry rustle of leaves As my life whispers past while I dream. The monotonous brownness of coffins on shelves, While the sun goldens children and birds with its love, May tell of the past, might hint of some future. But cannot fulfill this brief moment.



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