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New University Conference Follows S.D.S. Lead, Excludes Two Groups at Meeting Here

By MICHAEL HILL
Special to the News-Letter

The New University Conference expelled the Progressive Labor Party and the Workers-Student Alliance from their ranks at their national convention held this weekend on the Hopkins campus.

The expulsions took place at the opening meeting Saturday morning at Shaffer Hall. Discussion on the measure took up the entire morning session. The final vote was 42 to 15 for expulsion, from both the convention delegates and the National Executive Committee.

The meeting, one of four that NUC has each year, was closed to all except NUC members, including the press. It attracted around 175 members, mainly from the east coast. Following the expulsions, credentials of those entering the meeting were checked to exclude anyone affiliated with the banned organizations.

Old-Line Politics

The move for expulsion, which had the backing of the national leadership, was prompted by what proponents of the measure called PLP's and WSA's "obstructionist" tactics. The organizations were accused of having set "old-line" politics which interfered with the development of NUC's ideology.

NUC claimed that PLP's ideology was firmly set. This led, it was claimed, to non-compromising positions on the part of members of PLP and WSA, which resulted in obstructions to any measure which these organizations opposed. A



Dean Pappas represented the Baltimore Defense Committee at the conference.

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similar split occurred in the Students for a Democratic Society at their national convention last summer.

The final vote for expulsion took place around noon on Saturday. Following a plea for continuing action despite the divisions, the meeting adjourned to another room. Security guards were placed at the door of this room (Shaffer 3) in order to keep members of PLP or WSA from entering.

The banned members then held a caucus in the original meeting room. They were hoping to meet with the main body of NUC later that afternoon and present some sort of proposal. NUC, however, rejected the request for a meeting.

Let Them Eat

The PLP and WSA members were allowed to eat the meals which they had paid for with their registration fee; however separate tables were provided, away from the meeting room. Tim Stocks, an NUC member who was excluded, stated that "It was clear that the Nationals didn't want the NUC members talking to the PLP and WSA people." A party held that night at the home of Paul Lauter was declared closed to the expelled members.

The excluded group then prepared a four page statement which they presented to the organization on Sunday morning. In this they stated that "NUC should strive to become a mass organization."

The reconvened session of the convention featured a panel discussion on "Class struggle and Revolution," with the presentation of three position papers. These were given by Terry Rubinski, Paul Clauter and Bob Ross.

Miss Rubinski stated that she was for a revolution, which she defined as "the overthrow of the capitalistic system by violence." She went on to say that "When the poor steal from the rich they go to jail, but when the rich steal from the poor they go to the bank."

Clauter, who is from the University of Indiana, stated that "The Cultural Revolution is just a mess, but a very nice mess." His statement "Mao and Lenin don't know what the fuck is going on in America today," received mixed response.

Bob Ross presented the third paper. He began by saying "We are now in Act II of the 1970 Ice Capades," and continued, pointing out that the NUC "should defend the Black Revolutionaries, but their position should not be our own."

On and On

The convention continued with workshops Saturday afternoon, a mass meeting panel discussion on organization Saturday night, and further discussion of specific organizational changes on Sunday.

Mike Ornstein, a member of the Hopkins



Michael Ornstein of Hopkins N.U.C. refused to divulge any of the proceedings at the national meeting on campus.
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chapter of NUC, refused to comment on any aspects of the convention due to the press blackout. After a decision which was made on "a national executive level," Ornstein offered the News-Letter an exclusive on NUC's forthcoming press release in return for not publishing this article.

Lauter also requested that the News-Letter refrain from publishing "in the interest of clarity." The News-Letter was able to have a reporter present at most of the proceedings.

Saturday's night meeting was mainly concerned with a proposal by historian Staughton Lynd to organize protests by stock holders at their company's meetings. This would be aimed specifically at companies involved in weapon production. No final action was taken on the measure.

A group of delegates brought up the question of the morning expulsions at this meeting. The national leaders responded by discussing the number of times they had received calls from chapters with "PL trouble."

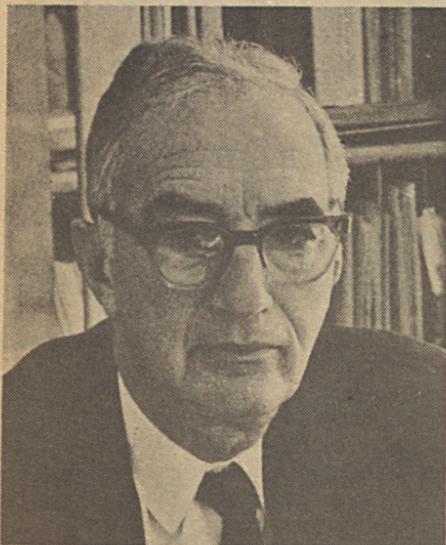
The expelled members claim that the charges against them are vague, and that their opponents have not brought out any specific examples of obstructionism. They further charged that the entire resolution was railroaded through, pointing out that all but one of the executive committee members voted for expulsion.

We Try Harder

Also claimed against the expelled members was that NUC came second in their loyalties. PLP members answered that charge by pointing out that members of the Women's Liberation Front and the International Socialists are still in NUC despite their conflicting loyalties.

Local NUC members John Ferchak and Mary Kennedy supported the move, Ferchak calling it "basically necessary" and Kennedy saying she was "glad it happened." The NUC situation was compared to that that faced SDS when they expelled PLP. Both Ferchak and Kennedy were satisfied with the convention, emphasizing the other accomplishments, especially in the realm of organizational structure.

University Committees Prepare Centennial



Dr. Ferdinand Hamburger has resigned his position as professor and chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and director of the Carlyle Barton Laboratory to assume the directorship of the Centennial Planning Committee. *photos by hoffmann*



Director of University Publications Thomas Kleis will become the chairman of a committee which will decide if a commemorative medal or some other object should be issued in conjunction with the centennial celebration.

In preparation for the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, The Johns Hopkins University has named Dr. Ferdinand Hamburger Jr. as director of centennial planning.

Dr. Hamburger will assume his post in July upon stepping down from his position as professor and chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and as director of The Carlyle Barton Laboratory at Johns Hopkins.

Though Dr. Hamburger's duties won't officially begin until July, he has already begun centennial work "on an extra-curricular basis."

At a meeting of the Centennial board on January 23, a number of committees were formed to deal with various aspects of the centennial festivities which will occur throughout 1976.

Dr. Alfred Chandler of the Department of History will head a committee whose purpose is to consider "the writing of a new history of the University and related matters." Dr. Hamburger stated

that this committee will look into the possibility of getting former Hopkins professor and president Daniel Coit Gilman's papers published.

The theme of the centennial, as yet to be decided, is the concern of a committee under the leadership of Judge Harrison L. Winter, a University trustee.

Commemorative Medal?

Director of University publications Thomas Kleis will direct a committee considering the "issuance of a medal or some object representative of a centennial." Dr. Hamburger said that the centennial committee may decide to issue some centennial commemorative other than a medal. The striking of a commemorative medal is the general practice in most observances of this type.

The establishment of a fourth committee to deal with alumni participation is being considered. That committee would be headed by the Director of Alumni Relations.

The Centennial board is composed of 35 people; administrators, faculty, trustees, alumni and students, appointed by the president of the University. Student board-members are the presidents of the student organizations at the various campuses. These include the president of the Graduate Student Organization at Homewood, President of the Student Council at Homewood, President of the Student Organization at the School of Advanced International Studies in Washington and President of the Student Organization at the School of Hygiene.

Tentative plans for the Centennial year include "convocations, a symposium and the appearance of numerous distinguished speakers at the University.

Dr. Hamburger stated that he would like to see "some sort of affair in the fall of '72", marking that freshman class as the "centennial class," since it would graduate in 1976, the centennial year.

When Dr. Hamburger retires as professor and Chairman of the Department of History, he will be succeeded by Dr. Huggins. As yet no one has been named to succeed Dr. Hamburger as Director of the Carlyle Barton Laboratory. That appointment will be made by President Gordon.

Robinson and Milner Speak at Shriver Tonight

Ex-baseball player Jackie Robinson and T.V. personality Marty Milner will be featured in a panel discussion, "Why People Take Drugs," tonight at 8:30 p.m. in Shriver Hall. Speaking with them will be Drs. Herzl Spiro and Leon Wurmser of the Hopkins Hospital's Drug Abuse Center.

The panel discussion, sponsored by the University, the Hospital and the Johns Hopkins Fund, is part of an extensive campaign to convince Baltimore and Maryland leaders of the critical need for improved facilities for drug users and addicts. The present capabilities of the three drug abuse centers in Baltimore is approximately 600, while the city's addict population is estimated at nearly 10,000.

Robinson, whose son was arrested for the use of hard drugs, has been fighting for better facilities and more help to addicts. He has been centering his attack on the drug trade in the ghettos, since that is where it has been flourishing and

where it continues to expand.

Milner, star of "Route 66," has been pursuing an equally active career on the West coast, working with the Los Angeles police force in their campaign to prevent the spread of the drug trade.

Wurmser and Spiro are Director and Chief Consultant, respectively, of the Drug Abuse Center, the Hospital's four-month-old agency designed to deal with the problems of addicts and addiction. The Center deals with those who turn themselves in voluntarily as well as those who are released from other Baltimore institutions and need additional aftercare.

The panel discussion will take place after the group has spent the entire day in Annapolis, attempting to impress upon the Governor and various members of the legislature as to the importance of appropriating money with which to implement the Sklar-Mendel Act. The act will attempt to set up drug abuse and treatment centers in many of the major hospitals in Baltimore.



JACKIE ROBINSON

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY / FEBRUARY 3

*4:00 p.m. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Ames 325) - Dr. Joseph B. Lastovka, Physics Dept., M.I.T. "The Thermodynamic Properties and Transport Coefficients of SF₆ in the Critical Region"

WEDNESDAY / FEBRUARY 4

*1:00 p.m. GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (Ames 507) - Dr. Abel Wolman, Prof. Emeritus, JHU. "The Chesapeake Bay Problem - What Should be Done About It"

*2:00 to 4:00 p.m. THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE (Board Room Levering Hall) Draft Counseling by prior appointment

4:00 p.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR (Latrobe 111) - Professor James F. Bell, Prof. of Solid Mechanics. "First of Series of Four Lectures on the History of Experimentation in the Physics of Deformation of Solids After 1678."

*8:00 p.m. THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE

(Levering Hall) - AWARE General Meeting. Dr. Jerome Frank, Johns Hopkins Hospital will speak on the psychological aspect of urban living.

THURSDAY / FEBRUARY 5

*10:30 to noon - ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Ames 325) Mr. Lawrence Bergman, Grad. Student in EE Dept. J.H.U. "A Transformation Technique for Reducing Set Covering Problems"

*5:00 p.m. - THE JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL HISTORY CLUB (Hurd Hall), The Johns Hopkins Hospital Owen H. Wangenstein, M.D., Univ. of Minnesota. "New and Old from the Academic Surgical Arena with Special Reference to Wound Management"

*5:00 p.m. - BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING - (Seminar Room B Turner Auditorium - Lyle W. Horn, Grad. Student, Biomedical Eng'r J.H.U. "Remarks on the Cell Surface and Material Transport"

*6:30 p.m. - ROMANCE LANGUAGE DEPT (Barn)-Moliere's "George Dandin", a production rehearsed during the minimester and including Hopkins and Goucher students. (time and date tentative-for information, call extension 266.)

FRIDAY / FEBRUARY 6

*2:00 p.m. APL-JHU HOWARD COUNTY LABORATORY - Parsons Auditorium - Dr. R. E. Rosensweig, Ferrofluidics Corp. "Magnetic Fluid Technology"

*3:00 to 5:00 p.m.-LECTURE (Shaffer 3) -Bob Cranson speaking on "Transcendental Deep Meditation," first of two lectures.

*4:00 p.m. - PSYCHOLOGY (Garrett Room) MSE Library - Dr. Joseph V. Brady, Prof. Dept. of Psychiatry. "Emotion: Some Conceptual Problems & Psychophysiological Experiments."

**4:00 to 5:30 p.m.-RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (Tilghman Room) Thomas B. Turner Building-Professor L.F. Lamerton, Dept of Biophysics, Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital Surrey, England. "Cell Population Kinetics and Oncology"

*4:15 p.m. - ORGANIC CHEMISTRY SEMINAR (Remsen 221) - Miss Irena Bronstein. "The Di-pi-methane Rearrangements"

SATURDAY / FEBRUARY 7

*10:00 to noon - THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE (Levering Hall) - Levering Hall Volunteer Tutorial Program for inner-city youngsters

*6:30 p.m. - WRESTLING- Newton H. White, Jr. Athletic Center - Freshman vs. Towson State

*8:00 p.m. - WRESTLING - Newton H. White, Jr. Athletic Center - Varsity vs. Towson State

*8:30 p.m. - SWIMMING - Newton H. White, Jr. Athletic Center - Varsity versus Towson State

SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 8

*10:30 a.m. - THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS (Shaffer 3) The Sunday Liturgy: "Religion as Encounter" Rev. Phillip J. Cunningham, C.S.P. Chaplain

*5:00 p.m. - THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS (Newman House 2941 N. Charles - The Sunday Liturgy (as at 10:30 a.m.)

*7:30 to 10:00 p.m.-THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE (Levering Hall (Great Hall) Registration for the Johns Hopkins FREE UNIVERSITY. A wide selection of courses from symbology to handweaving. \$2 registration.

*8:00 p.m. - THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE (Levering Hall Sherwood Room The Honorable Robert Watts, Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City: "The Law As An Instrument of Social Change" Legal Advocacy Series on "The Courts and the Community"

8:30 p.m. SHRIVER HALL CONCERT SERIES - (Shriver Hall) "Music Form Marlboro" For the convenience of those living in the area of the Medical Institutions a University bus will leave Reed Hall at 8:00 p.m. for Shriver Hall and return to Reed Hall at the end of the concert.

MONDAY/FEBRUARY 9

*12:05 p.m. The Catholic Community on Campus Levering Hall Chapel.- The Weekday Liturgy (Mon. thru Fri.)

features

Carswell: Fitting Nixon Tradition

When Mr. Nixon appointed G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court, there was little surprise in Washington. It was, after all, Mr. Nixon who selected Chief Justice Burger last fall and Spiro Agnew a little over a year ago. These appointments have been interpreted in a variety of ways: that the President is seeking to placate the South; that he desires to restore a "balance" to American governmental philosophy; or, most credibly, that the President favors quiet mediocrity.

None of the men Mr. Nixon has picked to run the government vary from what the President has termed "the conventional values of American life." So it was little surprise which greeted the Carswell appointment. The judge is noted only for the fact that his outlook, life-style and qualifications are much more narrow than those of any previous Nixon appointee. The judge has never accepted an off-the-bench job, does not own stock in any companies and the only organizations he can claim membership in are the American Foreign Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is, as attorney General Mitchel said of Haynsworth, as "clean as a hound's tooth."

Mr. Nixon's immediate Republican predecessor, who is often and erroneously deemed a man of little accomplishment, selected men of a different quality than Judges Carswell and Burger altogether. They were Wall Street, Ivy League and regarded as wise choices for the high court. Though Mr. Eisenhower wished them to pursue a conservative course, they, like many that reach the Court, changed considerably. Earl Warren was the best example, however, of a man who could adapt his philosophy to the requirements of individual liberty in the cases that faced him. When he was governor of California Justice Warren had one of the worst records in the nation on the rights of criminals or other civil liberties. In his case, however, and those like his, it has been the essential quality of the man that has provided the necessary change.

Epitome of Mediocrity

Judge Carswell is the epitome of mediocrity. He is a veteran and alumnus of Duke University where he was secretary of his class. He lost a race for the Georgia Legislature and moved to Tallahassee. Because of his father's position as republican financier, Cars-

well was appointed United States Attorney in 1953 after the republican sweep. Since that time he has moved slowly up the lower ranks in the Federal judiciary system until he was appointed to the Supreme Court by Mr. Nixon.

The judge is, above all, a product of the South. This the kind way of interpreting his 1948 speech in which he said that he was a white supremacist and believed the white race to be superior to all others. The judge said in his Senate Judiciary testimony that he found his very words repugnant and repudiated them unequivocally. The words themselves mean very little but to amplify the extremely narrow life that our next Supreme Court Justice has lead. It is interesting to note, for instance, that the judge did not find his white supremacy oratory repugnant when he joined a country club in 1956 which incorporated a public golf course threatened with desegregation. More than half his civil rights decisions have been overturned by higher courts. John Lowenthal, a Rutgers professor who was once a civil rights attorney in Carwells Tallahassee court, testified before the senate committee that he found the judge openly hostile when he once tried to free sev-

eral civil rights workers.

When the Justice Department asked for a record of the judge's writings they were told that Carswell has never written a single legal article. His opinions, reports the New York Times, read like "a plumber's manual."

Lead-Pipe Cinch

After the Haynsworth struggle, there is little doubt that G. Harrold Carswell will be confirmed by the Senate. The important factor is not the lack of impropriety in the judge's financial dealings but more the fact that Carswell is not opposed by organized labor.

Besides his excellent record as a mediocre Southern conservative, what recommends judge Carswell to the high court? Mr. Nixon has said many times that he is tired of the many arrogant and strong men that have sat on the court in the last too decades who have "imposed their social and political viewpoints on the American people." Mr. Nixon wants a court that will move slower and not grab the initiative in changing the often backward legal opinion in the United States. For this purpose he has chosen an excellent man.

Christopher Olander

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Now, to the President...

The Discipline Code released recently by the Committee on Student Affairs is a far more acceptable document than that proposed by Lincoln Gordon during orientation week. The Committee's draft of the policy allows for far greater student participation in the disciplinary process.

Because of the responsibility which the Committee vests in the students, there is a great danger that the draft will be vetoed or watered down by President Gordon. Dr. Gordon has been a strong proponent of the Committee System as it is presently constituted at Homewood. Should he appreciably alter the C.S.A.'s, he will undercut his professed attitude toward the system which he has so strongly "supported."

There are two sections of the Student Affairs statement which the President might choose to alter. The first is the elimination of expulsion as a disciplinary action. The other is the composition of the review board. These were the sections about which the President expressed the most concern, when he met with the Committee in November.

The Committee decided to drop the possibility of a student being expelled for several valid reasons. Their most persuasive explanation was that the expulsion penalty leaves no possibility for rehabilitation or the "possibility of social education."

The composition of the review board presented by the committee provides for mature participation in decision-making processes by all segments of the University community. Principles of judicial action justify the plan for students to outweigh faculty and administration on the review board. Students are the only group which will be subject to the discipline policy. It is logical that the review board be comprised overwhelmingly of the appellants' peers. The anomaly inherent in the Committee plan is not that students are in the majority on the review board, but that faculty and administrators are represented at all. The case of the administration member is particularly strange, since it is the administration which will be bringing the charges against the student.

The inclusion of two faculty members and one administrator on the review board appears to be an appeasement measure. It shows a measure of distrust in students which is characteristic of Hopkins.

Nevertheless, the inclusion of the faculty and administration members does not compromise the Committee's draft of the discipline code significantly. On the whole, it is a good measure, and we strongly urge that it be adopted in its present form. We further urge that students register their support of this draft with their representatives, faculty members with whom they speak and Dr. Gordon (should they happen to see him). Strong student support for this measure can insure that it is not returned to its previous, unacceptable form.

Time for Consensus Logan

'The final decision as to which buildings will actually be constructed will emerge from an administration, faculty and student consensus, according to McElwee, although he did not elaborate on how such a consensus will be determined.' Newsletter, January 30

Boy, am I glad that we're going to have a consensus on the Master Plan. I really and truly am glad, because the only alternative to a consensus that I can think of is violent revolution. (You want to help blow up the admin building? We got this plan in the history of art department, see...) So when I read that article about the plan in Friday's News-Letter, I decided that McElwee is right. (John McElwee, in case you missed the article, is secretary of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the Board of Trustees, and he has a plan to 'relieve the present bottlenecks in the parking and building facilities on campus.' It is quite a plan.

Anyway, I was lying on my bed sucking my thumb - because if you have any opinions whatsoever about what is and what is not good architecture, the model of the proposed new buildings that was shown in the Newsletter article sends you in shock. - and thinking that the only bottleneck I'd like to break is you-know-who's, when it dawned on me that Mr. McElwee had said something really deep and true and worth thinking about. I mean, we really do need consensus if we're going to save people like me from doing terrible things to people like Mr. McElwee. And so I'd like to take a first step toward achieving that devoutly-to-be-desired consensus, by telling the world what I think of the Master Plan, and maybe achieving a little consensus along the way, among the student body. Not that we count.

Well, to begin with, I hope that I won't alienate anyone when I say quite candidly that I think the Master Plan stinks. Because, if that bothers you, you aren't going to like at all what I have to say next. I think the Master Plan was drawn up by Spiro Agnew and the Zenith City Chamber of Commerce, with the professional consultation of the military-industrial sleaze and a general disregard for human needs? Certainly not those cultivated old Maryland aristocrats who comprise our Board of Trustees? Or did I detect the emergence of a conflict between the sources of power and the sources of taste along about - say - 1850? Such impressions are so subtle and difficult to assess.

Oh, it had to be the Zenith City Chamber of Commerce. Who else would dare to hire the architects who designed the new administration building. If we are in this world of darkness and confusion to achieve a consensus on anything, it should be on the fact the administration building is an unspeakable aesthetic disaster. I mean, do you realize that it is going to have a mansard roof? We of course understand that the elephant pits around the building exist just in case it should ever have to be defended, but why at the top that fond glance back to the Second Empire?

But why speculate further? It is perfectly obvious that the architect - if that building has an architect - likes to build ugly buildings. And whoever does the hiring and firing around here likes

to employ incompetent architects. We have already the Eisenhower Library and Shaffer Hall to inform us of that. (A friend of mine labeled the style of the Library 'Mussolini Modern' and Shaffer clearly was designed by someone with long experience in the field of public housing.)

Perhaps, though, I am taking the wrong tack. You, you cute little electrical engineering major, are probably wild about the library (and if you like the library, you're gonna go apeshit over the admin building). It may be that aesthetic considerations must remain the concern of a dissatisfied cadre of efete snobs buried on B level of the Libes. What we're searching for is consensus, and so let's talk about a matter that is near and dear to the heart of everyone; do you know that the Buildings and Grounds Committee wants to put up a parking garage on the southwest corner of the campus, and that this \$2,500,000 beauty has priority over a student union? Get you where you live?

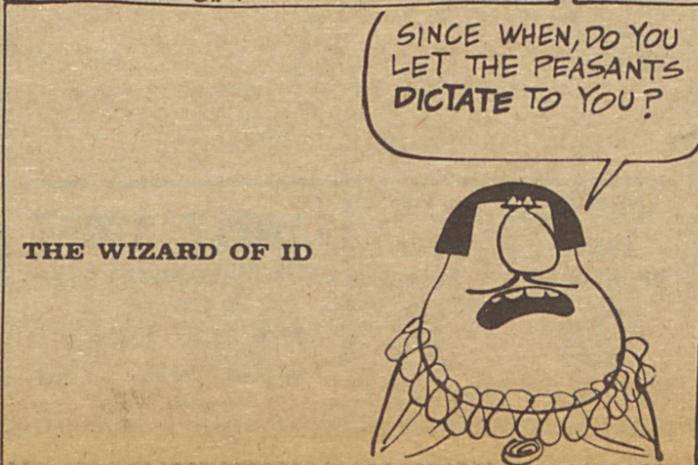
I mean, isn't it typical? On the national level, we gotta get the Viet Cong first, and then if there's anything left over, we fight the war on poverty, right? And here at JHU, we provide shelter for the cars, and if there's anything left over, maybe -- just maybe -- we can have something that you and I can enjoy. Let me take back that remark about the Zenith City Chamber of Commerce. The committee that makes up priorities is composed of a Khar-mann-Ghia, two Volkswagens and a Chevy Nova.

Furthermore, McElwee wants to tear down part of Wyman Park (that's trees, people) and replace it with concrete. Trees, beauty, human scale, natural resources, human resources: they all go, just so the fucking cars can have a place to park. The tennis courts went for the admin building. Now the park is to go for the parking garage. (I'd like to kill a car. I'd like to take a knife and slit its drive shaft from ear to ear. And smother its carburetor, and rip open its gas tank and let its guts slither to the ground. That's what I'd like to do to a car. And then I'd go down to the police station and turn myself in and they could do anything they wanted to me, and it wouldn't matter, because I'd be a happy humanoid.)

So, there, McElwee, makes a consensus out of that. If you want a consensus with people, how about thinking about the things that people need! If you want a consensus with people, you've got to take our needs into consideration. You've just got to! People want places to live and work and play and talk together, which is what you can't do in a parking garage. And they want beauty and ease of getting around (on foot) and some places where their feet touch ground instead of concrete. And this place could be like that. It could be so ever-lovingly nice to live and work on the Johns Hopkins campus if people like you would just stop to think of what humans want, and then help us to get it.

And instead, you build parking garages. I hope you drown in your own exhaust fumes.

Sam Logan



THE WIZARD OF ID

Letters To The Editors

GOVERNANCE

To the Editors:

That governance is the most important issue confronting the Homewood campus is by now acknowledged by practically everyone. The Student Council and the Graduate Student Organization, not to mention members of the faculty, such as Professors Deese, Owen and Dean Strider, have publicly expressed concern and dissatisfaction with the present decision-making mechanisms within the University.

Moreover, all have described the nature of their concerns and have suggested ways of remedying the problems. In light of all this, and in light of the fact that discussion on whether the question of governance should even be discussed has occupied the first five months of the academic year, we are now fortunate enough to have a committee to determine whether a Commission should be appointed to study the question of governance in the division of Arts and Sciences. While not questioning the genuine sincerity of the administration and faculty in proceeding with all due haste in this matter, as one who has been intimately involved in the "discussions," I should like to raise what I believe are several relevant questions.

Why are there no students on the committee on the committee whose task it is to determine whether concern exists and the nature of that concern? Students, I think, have a unique contribution to make in this area.

Why must it take at least two months to answer the questions the S.C., G.S.O. and several faculty members answered many months ago?

Why are the meetings of the committee on the committee to be "closed?" Governance is uniquely a problem which confronts the entire University and one in which all of us have a stake.

Presumably, the committee on the committee will produce a report by the 9th of May, the Final day of classes. Will we then lose the summer, only to start again from the beginning on the long, tortuous road on which we have been traveling this year? Or will the University administration take the initiative, and as an indication both of concern and good faith, announce that a paid staff will be hired to work on the question of governance over the summer. It would be necessary, moreover, to arrange for the governance commission to meet three or four times over the summer to make use of the work done by its staff. The expenses for the committee members (faculty, students, and administrators) should be paid with university funds. This would make the summer the most productive part of the year and ensure that no time or momentum would be lost. The question of governance of the University is the most important issue facing the Hopkins community.

It would be unfortunate for a confrontation to occur over process and method; there surely will be disagreement over the proposals submitted for changes in the decision-making mechanisms. But as rationale men, let us move from procedural disagreement to substantive discussion.

Lauren Walters, '71
Secretary, The Student Council

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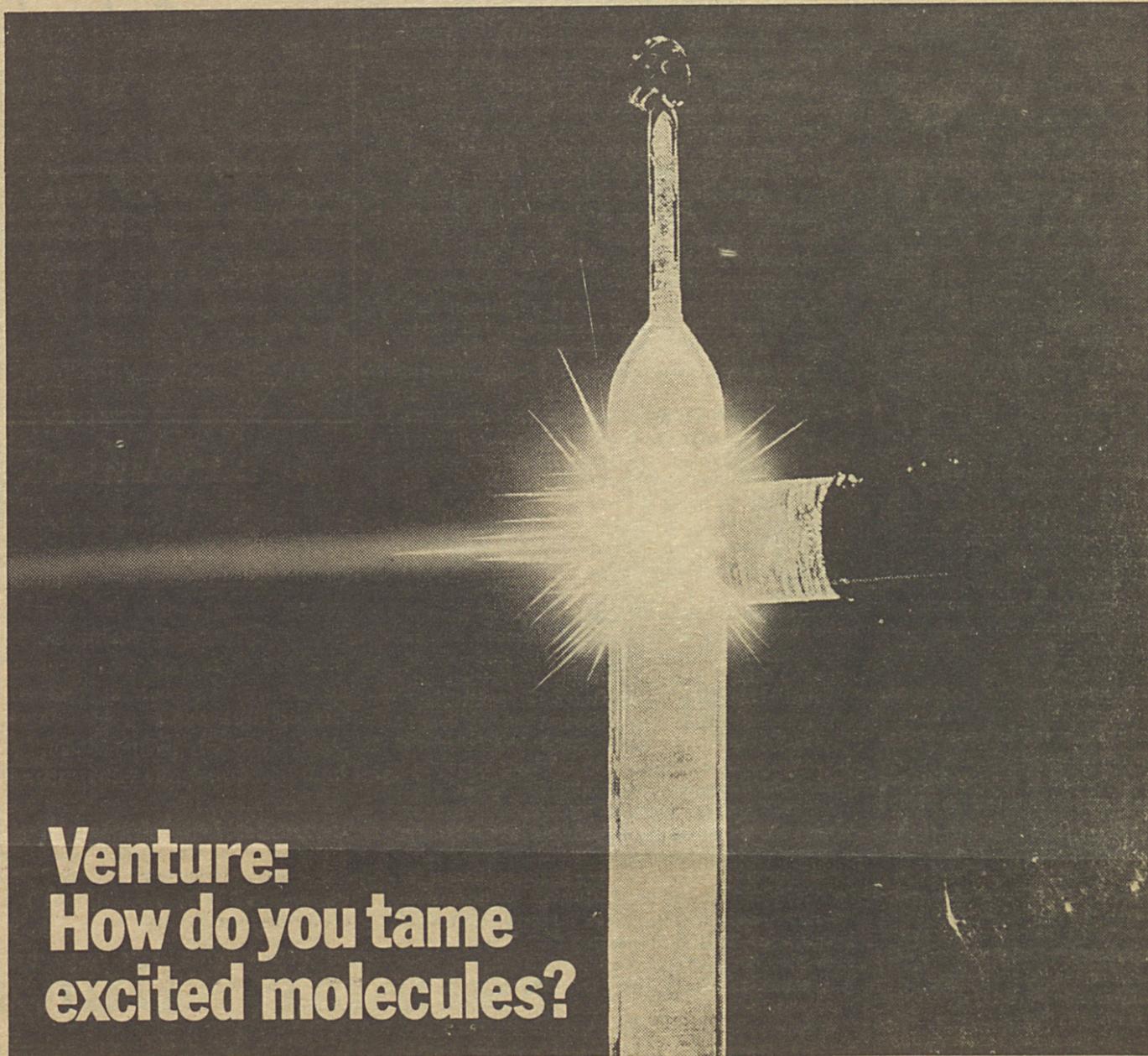
Four squad cars and unnumbered officers of Baltimore's Finest pierced the Georgian calm of the Homewood campus, shortly after two a.m., Monday morning, in a daring clean-up, following an apparent burglary at Johns Hopkins Faculty Club.

Two squad cars were reported entering the campus at

the Art Museum Drive entrance, by Michael Dunn, a Hopkins undergraduate, who was staked out at the Gatehouse. The report was received at 2:11.

The only evidence of theft or breakage which investigators were able to find involved a cigarette machine, the door of which had apparently been jimmied. Officers on the scene refused to speculate as to the extent of the loss.

When questioned, an officer leaving the scene of the crime said, "S'nothing' much."



Venture: How do you tame excited molecules?

Answer that one and you'll open up a whole new field of solid state physics that just might come to be called "excitonics." Because the most exciting thing about excited molecules in solids, right now, is that no one knows what to do with them.

This intriguing state of affairs came about after physicists began firing photons into molecular crystals and observing the results. Which were: "excitons."

An exciton is a conceptual entity that has more "stateness" than "thingness" about it. When a photon strikes a molecule in an organic crystal with sufficient energy, it bumps an electron to a higher energy level, leaving a "hole" in the molecule. In the brief interval before it falls back into its hole, the electron releases the energy it received from the photon, which propagates another hole-electron pair in a neighboring molecule, and thus on

through the crystal.

This phenomenon is called the "singlet" excited state: or the singlet exciton. Du Pont scientists have produced it with a 150-watt bulb. In the singlet, an electron is excited without any change in direction of its spin or magnetic moment. It dies quickly, and a blue light emerges from the crystal. But with an intense light source, such as the laser, an even more interesting excited state has been produced: the "triplet."

In the triplet, the spin of the excited electron is reversed, a magnetic field is produced, and the excited state lasts a million times as long—about a hundredth of a second. Du Pont researchers have also found that two triplets can combine, producing a singlet exciton with greatly increased energy and a life span of a hundred millionth of a second. Of promising interest is that this tendency of triplets to merge can

be sensitively controlled by applying a magnetic field to the crystal.

Perhaps the next step will be the engineering of devices that manipulate light signals directly, bypassing the present need to convert them first into electrical signals and then back into light. Perhaps too this line of research will lead to greater understanding of the mechanisms of light-energy transfer itself, such as those involved in photosynthesis by living plants. The possibilities are many.

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Jay's Nest



By GEORGE KIRSCHBAUM
Sports Editor

One of the main stipulations of the freshman petition that requested the University make physical education voluntary, was that the Athletic Department improve the quality of its program offerings.

One of these improvements is in the wind. At present, three Hopkins undergraduates are involved in modern dance courses offered by Goucher's Physical Education Department.

Hardliners in sports might find it hard to stomach the inclusion of modern dance in their definition of sport. Yet it seems that within the wide spectrum of physical education, modern dance is right at home with the more conventional sports.

Rather than being a sissified activity, modern dance takes a considerable amount of coordination, physical exertion and grace. A non-violent "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" image comes to mind.

Given the changing attitudes of freshman classes over the past few years and the eventual acceptance of females on the undergraduate level, it seems only logical that Hopkins' Physical Education Department meet the needs of the students. A coordinated physical education program with Goucher would not only benefit Hopkins, but also Goucher.

As one Goucher sophomore (who spends many of her afternoons at the Lillian Welsh gym at Goucher) put it: "The presence of men in the dance classes acts as an incentive for the girls to perform better." Another Goucher girl mentioned that "there is so much more you can do in choreography when you have men in your company." She added that the body shapes complement each other in the creation of spatial design.

The ramifications of this Goucher-Hopkins innovative arrangement are not yet known. It might be possible for those who have not yet known. It might be possible for those who have a sincere interest in learning dance and who were repulsed for one reason or another from Hopkins fall physical education program to fulfill their requirement in this manner.

If Hopkins Athletic Director Marshall Turner does okay this approach to fulfilling physical education requirements for those who did fail in the fall, we hope that some may benefit from it. If this does come to pass, much of the credit belongs to freshman Chris Beach and his senior advisor Frenchie Smith. Good job, guys. I wish I'd thought of it first.

Some other courses Goucher offers which may be of interest to Hopkins students are archery and horseback riding (there is a fee for the latter).

Cager 'Captains Courageous'



Geoff Thomas, Coach Jim Valvano, and Sam Katz (l to r) are the mainstays of the 1970 Blue Jay basketball squad. Katz and Thomas are co-captains and play guard and forward respectively. The Jays were nipped 86-84 at the buzzer by Muhlenberg in a contest last Saturday night.

Blue Jay Fencers Get Stronger As Season Schedule Toughens

By ED BRETHAUER

Johns Hopkins' fencers, under the leadership of Coach Dick Oles and co-captains, Gerry Yee and Keith Fulling, now hold a 3-3 record having won their last three meets against Lafayette (21-6), Virginia (15-12), and VMI (18-9). The team, due to a lack of practice and experience, had a slow start, losing in three away meets to North Carolina State (20-7), Duke (20-7), and the University of North Carolina (22-5), but seem to have the necessary momentum now. The team is 1-0 in the MAC conference, but now faces the toughest part of its schedule against such teams as Temple, Penn State, Muhlenberg, Haverford and Drew.

The fencers so far this season have been most successful in the sabre class, with Paul Schwartz and Gordie Rode having won eleven and eight bouts respectively, while losing fifteen all together. Upto this point of the season, the best records have been those of Rich Hamburg, a junior in the epee class (9-3), and Captain Keith Fulling, likewise in the epee class (12-5).

Frosh Expand

The main problem for the fencing team has always been failure to attract boys for more than two years, thus placing a great load



The fencing team, after losing their first three meets, have gained momentum and a 3-3 record.
photo by yee

on incoming, inexperienced sophomores. Yet, this year, the freshmen team has expanded greatly, and has looked very fine in its one meet so far against a local fencing club, which it won 18-9. The team won eight out of nine foil bouts, while winning five out of nine in both the epee and sabre classes. Especially notable in the victory were Bob Little (3-0) and John Bender and three others tied with two victories and no defeats.

The true test for the Hopkins' fencers will be its next match against Temple, which has lost already to Army, Penn and Penn State by the score of 11-16. Temple, for the last four or five years, has always been Hopkins' strongest competitor, and still poses a great threat to the team, despite its previous losses. As Coach Oles has written on the team bulletin board, "Now the hard part of the season begins."

Swimmers Dunk Dickinson

Saturday, the varsity swimmers added another victory to a thus far successful season. Comfort's crew beat the Dickinson College team, 68 to 27, winning eight of eleven events. The medley relay composed of Jim Scott, Kirby Weldon, Gene Bonte, and Brian Turner, came from behind at the 200 to win with a respectable time of 4.03.

Both Marc Solomon and Rick Ware were double winners. Marc Solomon won the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly and Ware took the 200 free and the 100 free. Pete Weiss came in behind Ware in the 200 free, to make it a one, two sweep for Hopkins in that event.

The high point of the meet was, however, junior, Mike O'Donnell's win over Dave Zeski in the 200 yard breaststroke. He beat the all-American with a time of 2.26.6 and broke both the varsity and university records in that event. This was a particularly satisfying meet for Hopkins to win. Dickinson always has a fair team and provides strong competition; they were Middle Atlantic champions in '66, '67, and '68.

The final score shows an excellent all-around performance by Hopkins swimmers rather than an easy win over poor oponents. They will have to keep this going to defeat Penn State tomorrow.

Hop Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball				Wrestling			
Feb. 5	Lebanon Valley	8:15 p.m.	Away	Feb. 7	Towson State	8:00 p.m.	Home
Feb. 7	Drexel	8:00 p.m.	Away	Feb. 11	Western Md.	8:00 p.m.	Home
Feb. 9	F & M	8:30 p.m.	Away	Feb. 14	Ursinus	3:30 p.m.	Home
Feb. 12	Ursinus	8:30 p.m.	Home	Feb. 18	Catholic Univ.	7:00 p.m.	Away
Feb. 14	Dickinson	8:30 p.m.	Home	Feb. 21	Swarthmore	2:30 p.m.	Away
Feb. 18	Loyola	8:30 p.m.	Home	Feb. 27-28	M-D Championships at Towson		
Feb. 21	Western Md.	8:30 p.m.	Away	Mar. 6-7	MAC Championships at Wilkes		
Swimming				Fencing			
Feb. 4	Penn State	3:30 p.m.	Away	Feb. 4	Penn State	3:30 p.m.	Away
Feb. 7	Towson State	8:30 p.m.	Home	Feb. 7	Muhlenberg	2:00 p.m.	Away
Feb. 14	Haverford	3:00 p.m.	Home	Feb. 13	Drew	4:00 p.m.	Away
Feb. 18	Loyola	7:30 p.m.	Away	Feb. 14	Stevens Inst.	2:30 p.m.	Away
Feb. 21	F & M	3:00 p.m.	Home	Feb. 21	Haverford	2:30 p.m.	Home
Feb. 26-28	M-D Championships at Gallaudet			Feb. 28	Temple	2:30 p.m.	Home
				Mar. 6-7	MAC Championships at Elizabethtown		

Mini-mester Maxi-Flop?

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tical to the 4-1-4.

3) a 4-4 calendar which would include a five week Christmas vacation and formal exam periods.

The final choice was to be made by a poll of the faculty of Arts and Sciences the following week.

The General Faculty Assembly does not have the power to affect calendar reform. However, its recommendations to the Academic Council, which has power in such matters, are seldom defied. In a letter to the faculty, Deal Allyn W. Kimball noted that, "If any calendar reform is adopted, the Academic Council wishes to implement it for the 1969-1970 academic year."

Majority Position

The position of the majority of the students was clear. In a Student Council poll of 52% of the student body, (the greatest student response in ten years) 95% supported 4-1-4. Statements from then Student Council president Russell Passarella indicate that the debate in the council was operating under the tacit assumption that 4-1-4 or no reform at all was the choice to be made.

The faculty, however, was not so sure. Many professors claimed a four-week program was not suited to the framework of their departments, especially in the sciences. Dean Carl Swanson said, "In the biology department, at least, it will be hard to figure out a 'mini-semester' program." Some faculty members thought the plan was completely unrealistic for large lecture courses of the type they were used to teaching, while others worried over the gut issue of an increase in salary for an increase in work.

After the Friday meeting of the General Assembly, vice-chairman Dr. Edwin S. Mills confidently predicted, "Plan C (the 4-4 calendar) will be approved." The faculty just didn't like what Dr. Robert W. Tucker of the political science department called "... not just calendar reform. It is not just educational reform...the 'mini-semester' is very vague and, if it worked out, would be a major change."

But the student council was thinking 4-1-4 when it met the following Monday night.

Final Appeal

The members addressed their final appeal directly to the Academic Council, which was scheduled to decide the question of Calendar reform two days later. In a two and a half page letter preceding the resolution submitted to the Council, they explained that "the preference of the student body has been clearly shown to be plan A--the 4-1-4 proposal of Dr. Bevan's committee."

The plan approved by the Council Wednesday afternoon was a model of compromise; the inter-session was shortened to three weeks, and it was apparently decided that no formal courses would be taught during that period. The time was to be used, at the discretion of individual students and departments, for independent study.

The compromise reform pleases no one. But, as of now, this is how the minimester is set up, and it will remain unsatisfactory unless it is changed.



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Minimester Successful? Some Are Not So Sure

By KEN BAKALAR

The Homewood campus was quiet during Hopkin's first academic intersession. Present estimates say roughly three hundred undergraduates were on campus during the last three weeks of January. Programs were few and far between. Many consider the minimester unsuccessful, but before such judgments are made, a question must be asked: what was it supposed to be?

NEWS

After years of undergraduate resentment and several months of confrontation tactics, including the threat of a student boycott, the Homewood faculty met to discuss the question of calendar reform on March 14, 1969. The atmosphere at the meeting was tense; the first motion made was one by Dr. Martin Larrabee, demanding that all present who were not faculty members be asked to leave. After an objection from President Lincoln Gordon and

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some further discussion, the motion was defeated. But the faculty was in a strange mood. At one point, Dr. George Owen of the Physics Department stated, "I insist that the faculty really run itself. I make the motion that the faculty take over the discussion." An argument followed; one professor called Owen's motion a "delaying tactic" and claimed that the opponents of calendar reform were trying to "make this a rump meeting." After two and a half hours of emotional debate, three alternatives were decided upon:

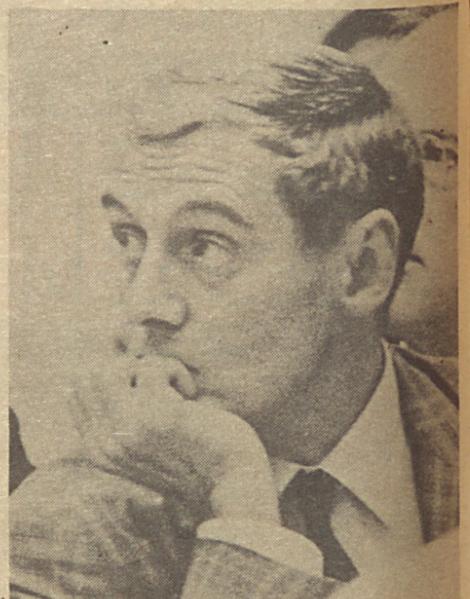
1) a 4-1-4 calendar recommended by Dr. William Bevan's ad hoc committee for calendar reform, with a four week intersession and no formal exam period. The short January term would be used, in Dr. Gordon's words, "for tutorial instruction, intensive seminars, and other projects."

2) a 4-0-4 calendar that would eliminate the academic work during intersession but which was otherwise identical to the present calendar.

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Dr. Robert W. Tucker, who commented upon the proposed calendar reform that it was "not just calendar reform. It is educational reform." photo by hoffmann



Dr. Martin Larrabee, whose motion that all non-faculty members be excluded from the Faculty Assembly, typified the tension surrounding calendar reform. hoffmann

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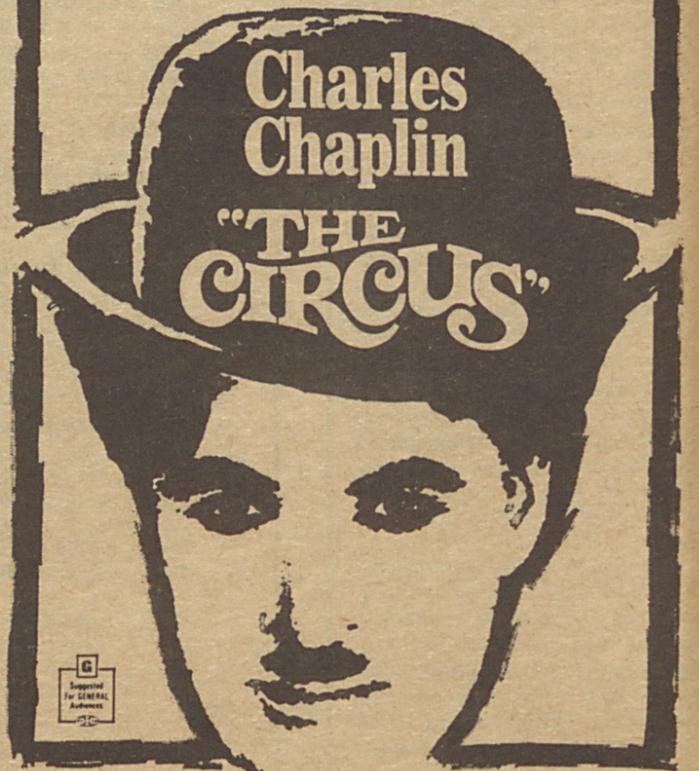
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