

# THE GUNSTON LEDGER

There are two good things in life, freedom of thought and freedom of action. — Maugham

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## New Professors Discuss Courses & GMC's Future

by N. McGregor

### Robert Houston

The mustachioed new face that you have seen around campus this semester belongs to Robert Houston, one of George Mason College's new additions to the English Department. Mr. Houston has a varied background with a wide range of experiences.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he received his A. B. from Birmingham Southern College and his M.A. from Syracuse University. He spent four years in the Air Force, where he was a Russian linguist in Air Force Intelligence. He taught Russian for the National Security Agency. Before coming to George Mason, Mr. Houston taught at Syracuse and at the Syracuse Free University.

He majored in dramatics as an undergraduate, and he has acted in college, summer stock, and off-Broadway productions. He is a member of the lecture circuit and makes tours throughout the country. He has done readings at Syracuse University, Upstate Medical Center, Philadelphia College of Art, University of Buffalo, Downtown Poetry Center, Concord College, Mundelein College in Chicago, and Peace Eye Bookstore.

He has written poems, plays, essays, and a novel. He has had one of his plays produced. His writings have appeared in *Nickel Review*, *Thoth*, *Red Clay Reader*, *Manhattan Review*, *Dust*, *Small Press Review*, and in an anthology to be published by Doubleday.

Mr. Houston's duties at GMC are as varied as his background. He is Coordinator for the Freshman English Program; an instructor of Freshman Eng-

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### Dr. Edmund D. Cohen

Dr. Edmund D. Cohen is another new professor on campus. He is a Virginian, having grown up in Arlington. He was an under-graduate at George Washington University, and he did his graduate work at Case Western Reserve University. The duration of his graduate work is the longest period of time which Dr. Cohen has spent away from Virginia. While at Case Western Reserve, he taught and did clinical work in psychology.

This is Dr. Cohen's first semester at George Mason College, and he enjoys being here. He states that he particularly appreciates the potential for growth here at GMC; he feels that it is possible to have a larger role here than he would have at a larger institution.

He discussed the courses he is teaching, stating he is covering much more academic material this year than was covered in previous years. "I am

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## Ted Harris Is Cancelled

by Sandy Bell

Ted Harris, the playwright that was scheduled by the Lecture Series Club to speak on November 20, couldn't quite make it. Due to unfortunate circumstances, his plane was forced to hover above National Airport until it was past the time for Mr. Harris to make his scheduled appearance. He then returned to New York to continue working on his new play, which is scheduled for production early next year. The Lecture Series Club hopes to have him return to George Mason next semester.

## Patriots Day Gives GMC Second Social Success

by Lorenzo Lovejoy

The first Annual Patriots Day, held on December 6, was termed by students, faculty and administration as the most unique and successful innovation introduced on the Mason Campus next to the Gail Gallagher creation, George Mason Day.

The entire program, planned by Activities Chairman Mike Baker and the Activities Committee, was spearheaded by George Mason's first Parade. The Parade, which consisted of over seventy students, was comprised of banners, TKE cheerleaders, thirty-five students banging on pots, washboards and bongos, and a fifteen-piece marching band.

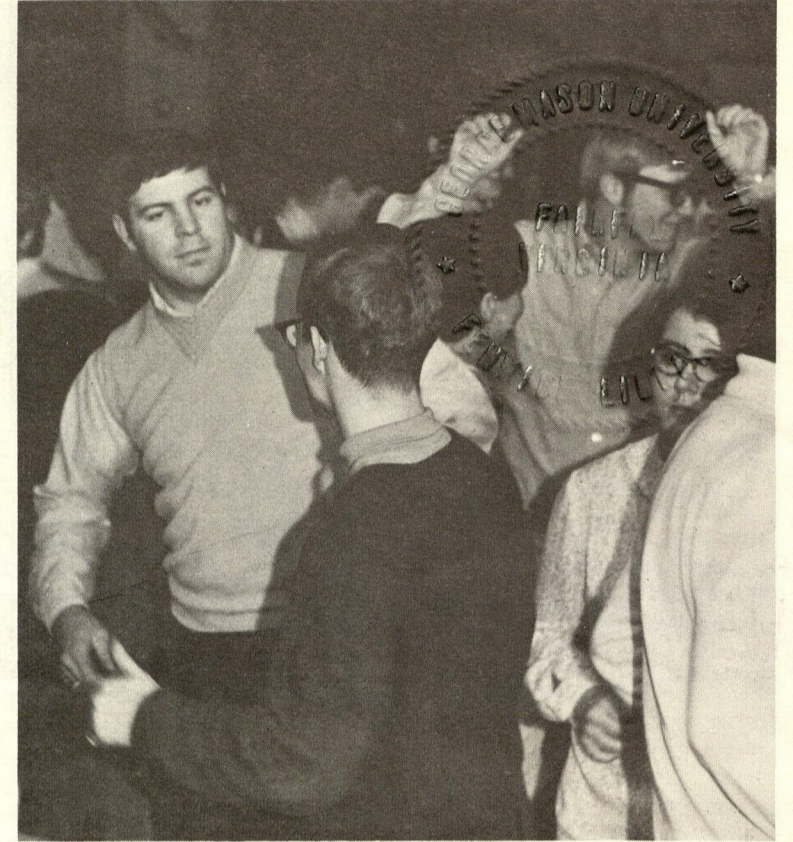
A very pleasant surprise was the musical rendition by the George Mason Goodwill Band of several old favorites, such as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The Band's marching route, planned strategically to be within the range of every Mason student, paraded through the Ordinary, alongside the library, and in front of the Lecture Hall. Finally, after shuffling through the quadrangle, they marched on to the football field in front of the North Building.

An unusually large turnout was present for the three-thirty game, pitting the George Mason All-Star flag football team against the Nova Tech All-Stars. Minutes before game-time the Mason players, filed in twos, charged through a large banner held by two brave Mason cheerleaders.

Following discussion of rules and introduction of players, the football contest began.

Quarterback Ed Fredetter wasted no time in moving the Mason team, for on the first play of the game he charged



Ed Ferdette and friends at victory dance

sixty yards for a touchdown. There was a flag on the play, and the touchdown was called back due to motion on the backfield by Mason.

Minutes later, the many disappointed faces vanished as Mason marched into Nova territory and scored. Half-time ceremonies demonstrated the Band's marching prowess, as they left their sideline seats and trotted on the field. Band leader and trumpet player Bart Kramer led Dave Hansen on the trombone, Laura Beaty, an accomplished flutist, violinist Charlie Ballinger, "Hot Lips" trumpeter Jay Alexander, washboard artist Bob Sams, woodwind-whistlers John and Dave West, and blowhard-buglers Mike Bobblitt and Greg Coughlan in the finest of marching music. After half-time, action resumed, and the game ended with the score Mason 14, Nova Tech 0.

After the game, 300 hungry students filed into the Ordinary for a free dinner. The menu consisted of hot dogs, baked beans, coffee, and hot chocolate.

Following the dinner, the

movie "The Bedford Incident" was shown in the Lecture Hall auditorium. Again a large crowd was present with estimates ranging from 150 to 250 students, faculty and administration.

During the movie, the Activities Committee members decorated the Ordinary for the 8:00 dance. Multi-colored spirit chains, orange and green crepe streamers, and festive table decorations were employed by the decorating committee as they succeeded in transforming the South Building Cellar into "something out of the Ordinary."

Baker's request that afternoon classes be cancelled was granted by the administration. Dismissal of 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 classes enabled many students and faculty to indulge in the afternoon activities. Several teachers, in the spirit of Patriots Day, released their classes at 2:30.

Photographers and staff writers from the Washington Post and Star were present for the festivities, and in addition enjoyed the hot dog and baked bean dinner.

## National and World Affairs Council Reorganizes, Plans for Future

The National and World Affairs Club, the political and foreign club of GMC, is currently reorganizing and invites all interested students to join in its activities. Composed of both American and foreign students, the club offers excellent opportunities for members to broaden their outlook and knowledge. Dr. K. Houry, the club's sponsor, is especially interested in increasing the groups' social contacts and activities. Future

plans call for attendance of several area collegiate conferences, and a fiesta. All interested students are asked to complete the following form and leave it in the Receptionist Office (North Building) as soon as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred meeting time:

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_



Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band?



# The Devil's Advocate

by O. M. Wood

What we have here is a classic case of Gapus Generationus.

In spite of our repeated broad hints, our obvious appetite, our nearly ridiculous eagerness, we have once more been denied our due by a churlish and insensitive Administration. Both the "Student Affairs Council" and last week's "Publications Board" were tempting lures, but when we rose to the bait it was flicked away. After stimulating whole quarts of adrenalin, the Administration capriciously withdrew its challenge. The resulting frustration has brought some of our more volatile students to the verge of ulcers.

It is only in the hope of averting a genuine explosion that I resort to the desperate expedient of complete candor.

Gentlemen of the Administration, we want to fight. We want a clear-cut example of tyranny to combat. We hunger for an insult to avenge, a wrong to redress, an Imperial dictate to defy. We want, in short, to demonstrate beyond doubt that we will not accept humiliation, nor bow to authority. Now just how the Hell are we going to do that when you, the Administration, refuse to cooperate?

We literally yearn for a little good, old-fashioned repression, but all we get is toleration, open-mindedness, and conciliation. How are we ever going to demonstrate our muscle unless you give us a little hard-nosed opposition?

Defiance of authority is a traditional prerogative of youth. It is good psychic exercise, it

absorbs excess energy, it builds self-confidence, it educates one in the meaning and exercise of power, and most importantly, it defines one's passage from subordination to equality. It is nothing less than the demand to be accepted as an equal; not a request, a Demand.

This is the crux of the issue. You are willing to give, but what we genuinely want is to seize. We will not accept your gift, we've been getting gifts all our lives. A "freedom" is as unfulfilling as a restriction if its genesis is the Administrative Decree. Its like hunting for tame cows, it doesn't prove anything.

We've been reared on milk. Now we want bones to sharpen our teeth on. Your open-mindedness and willingness to compromise only frustrates us. We insist on an Administrative Heavy for our little psychodrama. There is no malice involved, its just the way the game is played.

At this stage it is still possible to engineer a confrontation which would clear the air enormously but result in no lasting injuries. We could perhaps avoid everything but a few cuts and bruises and ruffled feelings. But if our ambition continues to be thwarted, the desire for outright mayhem can only become more dominant. But in either case we will, sooner or later provoke you into an outright battle.

So please Gentlemen, a bit less tolerance and a bit more backbone. We may yet have Ordinaric Sagas to honor the student who told the Dean to go to Hell.

# Jazz Concert and Dance GMC's First Major Social Success

by Lorenzo Lovejoy

The largest single success in George Mason College history adequately describes the Jazz and Rock n' Roll Concert held on November 23 at 8:00 p. m.

The Concert featured the Rock n' Roll band, the Apollos, and the Jazz Combo, The Arnie Paul Quintet. An introduction of the Apollos by Master of Ceremonies Mike Baker opened the concert.

The Apollos' stage dress of double breasted blue blazers and white turtleneck sweaters was as striking as was their music. A well-organized program of contemporary songs kept each person in the audience tapping his foot.

Following the Apollos' performance, a capacity crowd of almost four hundred persons enjoyed the cokes, home-made cupcakes, and twelve pounds of tea cookies.

The introduction of the Arnie Paul Quintet followed the intermission. It was apparent from the very outset that the audience was enjoying the lively jazz music. A rousing applause following the first several numbers was evidence of their enjoyment.

After a selection of Latin favorites, leader Arnie Siegfried left the seat behind his drums, to announce the first surprise of the evening.

Grasping the microphone, Siegfried said, "We have searched a great deal to bring this celebrity here for you tonight. You all know him, and now introducing Dean Martin!" In anticipation, the audience gasped. Seconds later, Master



Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime?

of Ceremonies Mike Baker came out on stage. The entire audience, thoroughly surprised, realized they had been duped.

Baker, receiving the microphone from Siegfried, took a seat on a brown stool. After a four measure introduction, he sang "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime." Shouts of encore, and bravo amid a thunderous applause caused Siegfried to call Baker out for another number. After only two measures of the song, "Mack the Knife," the audience started clapping on the off-beat.

For the remainder of the Concert, the audience could not restrain themselves and clapped along with several of the jazz numbers.

The Quintet, in response to

this gratifying acknowledgment, put their hearts into the final pieces. The "In Crowd" was perhaps the best number of the evening.

A standing ovation, at the end of the concert, was a just reward for their fine performance.

While the jazz portion of the concert was in progress, the Apollos set up their equipment in the Ordinary for a candlelight dance.

The dance was the second surprise of the evening. The crowd of 300 persons has only been surpassed by the 400 students who enjoyed the Patriots Day Dance.

## Ledger Staff Grows Gradually

"The task of putting together a college newspaper is a difficult one that requires a maximum effort from everyone all the time." With these words, directed to Freshmen hopefuls, Bill Marcey, Editor of the *GL*, began his program of training newly recruited members of the *Ledger* staff.

"The *Ledger* has been faced with numerous problems in the past, one of the worst being a lack of consistent and reliable personnel. I hope to expand the staff this year to include as many Freshmen and Sophomores as possible." The Editor continued. "As it stands now, most of the staff will graduate this June. You (people) must be ready and capable of taking over at that time."

Among the new members, Mr. Marcey has been most favorably impressed by the work of Bill Stansbery, a new photographer; Sandy Bell, a reporter with technical experience, and Vallorie Christesson, another reporter that has also done copy work.

On the job training has seen these new members involved in almost every aspect of the newspaper. When asked if more members were needed, the Editor responded, "Yes, the *Ledger* needs reporters and typists that want to work, and aim at constant improvement."

## Ledger Leads?

It has been brought to our attention that:

The Education Department has entered into a working agreement with an Educational Research Library. The address of the Library is 5521 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia. The telephone number is HU1-2428.

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The athletic Department has a position available for a machine gun operator to keep the "longhairedcoministhippie-demonstrators" away from the Athletic Director's throne room.

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The Humanities Department has hired Jerry Rubin to lecture in Comparative Religions of Los Angeles.

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Activities Chairman Mike Baker is sponsoring a Bacchanalian Festival December 29th in the Ordinary.

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The Business Department will offer a course in Intermediate Greed in 1969.

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The Mystic Knights of the Sea lodge has announced that it will hold its annual convention on December 29th at the Charles Fenwick Library.

## The Garden of Delights

# Fables For Fun

by Mike Strawser

Righteous Indignation and Pornography.

One day, Righteous Indignation dreamed that Pornography had invaded his clandestine domain. Gathering up his army of invectives, he hastened to stalk this heinous chimera.

Upon cornering the villain, he hurled invective after invective at his defenseless foe, but these sharp missiles merely passed through the beast. Righteous Indignation became so infuriated that he lunged at his adversary, but alas, he passed through also.

Upon hitting the ground, he was punctured by one of the fallen invectives, and began flying about with a burst of escaping air propelling him, not returning to the ground until all of his insides were dispersed throughout the air, and his body landed flattened and dead.

However, the blast of air was of such force that it melted a faraway iceberg and caused a passing skunk to retch.

Righteous Indignation passed away not knowing of his victory, because at the precise moment that the last bit of air exuded from his flattened body,

Pornography evaporated into the atmosphere.

It occurred that way.

The Election

Successive administrations had left the country wasted, and the citizenry impoverished. The people were left to wander about bemoaning their ill fortune.

"Why do you all weep?" asked a foreigner who chanced to pass by.

"They have stolen all we have," answered the people, "but our hope in a just God. They will never take that from us."

But at last came the election of 1968.

The Statesman

Having been drafted by his party, an Honest Statesman declined the offer, presenting a doctor's certificate stating that he suffered from a brain disorder.

"Thank heavens we discovered this," exclaimed the Political Boss, "he would never do—he has a brain."

At the Pearly Gates

A blotted Soul approaching Heaven's Gates encountered Saint Peter, and handed him

its card.

"I see by your card," said St. Peter, "that you were a writer of political speeches. I am very sorry; we cannot admit you. You will have to go to hell."

"I was sure of that. I called only to ask if Lyndon Johnson was here."

"But Lyndon Johnson isn't dead," said the Saint.

"I know," said the Soul, "I just thought he might be advising God."

Sir Hubert

Finding itself without a war to conduct, an Affluent Country desperately needed to find a way to waste \$100 billion. After many suggestions were contemplated, a wise legislator stood and spoke.

"Send for Sir Hubert the Spender. He can solve our dilemma." Thereupon a call went out across the land for the Sage of Spending.

And on the third day, Sir Hubert appeared before the Statesmen with a plan that would not only spend the \$100 billion, but also increase taxes so they could spend some more.

## As I See It

by Wayne Grady

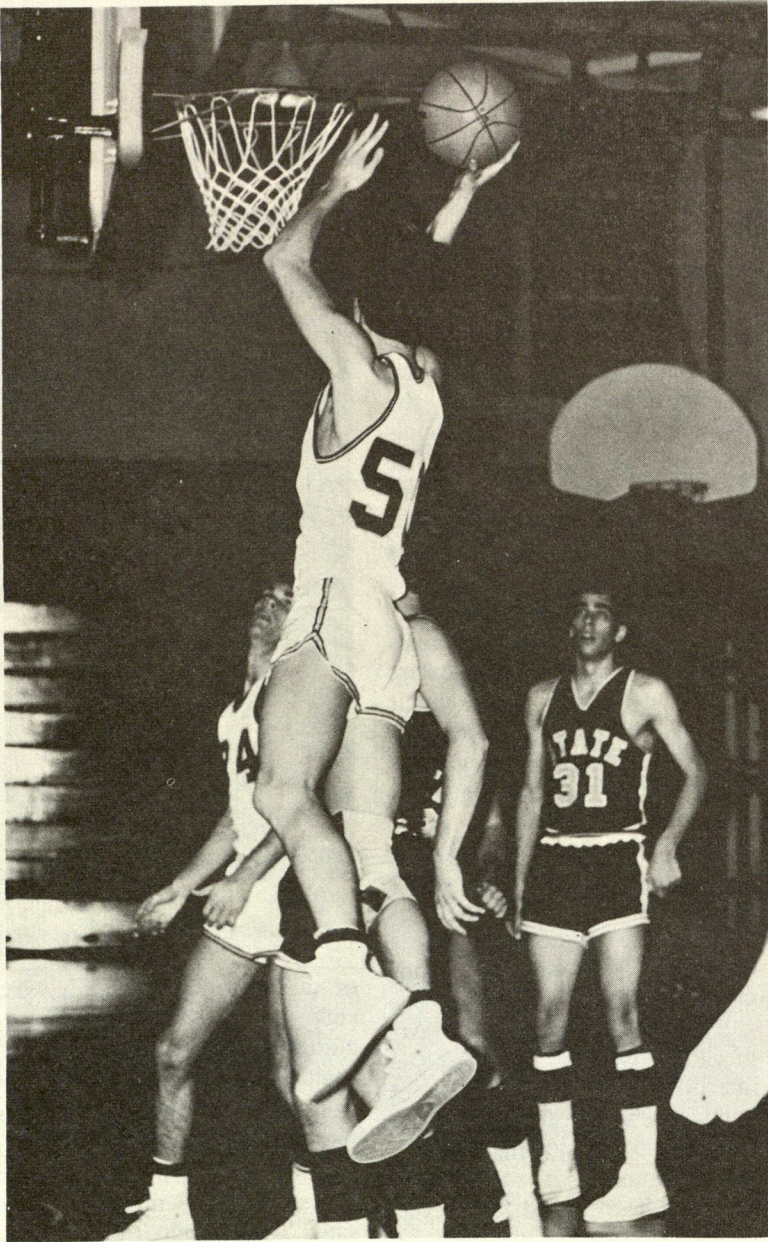
On a night when Hal Woodside hit only six of seventeen shots from the floor and Frostburg dominated the boards, George Mason lost its Maryland Intercollegiate Conference opener 99-64, before a large and vocal crowd at Woodson High School.

Frostburg, faced by center Ned Era, took advantage of a rash of poor ball-handling and turnovers to race to a 56-32 half-time lead. All chance for a Patriot comeback was erased when Frostburg connected on its first nine shots from the floor in the second half and limited the outmanned Pats to eight points in the third quarter to extend their lead to 82-40.

George Mason sorely misses Ron Zimbardo, the 6'6" former J.E.B. Stuart High School star. Zimbardo, currently recovering from a broken wrist sustained in an intramural football game, would add needed rebounding strength in addition to a post man capable of ball-handling and moving to the basket.

One of the few bright spots in the Patriot's line-up was the inspired play of forward Scott Leaser. Leaser, one of three starting freshmen, hit for thirteen points. Teamed with another freshman forward, Mark Crockett, who scored twelve, they show promise for an improved basketball future. In this, a year of building, much of the team's hopes rest on such prospects as Zimbardo, Leaser and Crockett and other hopefuls, such as Jim Gillespie and John Garlick.

If he hopes to improve on last year's record, a 55-17 record, Coach Spuhler must not only develop rebounding and scoring capabilities, but also find a take-charge ballplayer to instill life into the Patriots' attack.



*Patriot Drives for Score*

## Track Team A Possibility For Mason in Near Future

by Pat Bryant

Already under way is an attempt to start a track team at George Mason. The team will be organized as a club and its members will be George Mason students.

There are several problems which must be dealt with in starting a track team. Interest should be the major obstacle, however; at this point it appears there is enough desire to form a team. With spring track 3 months away, twenty-

five boys have expressed an interest in a track program. In addition, the team will need a site to practice and hold home meets. Woodson High School, equipped with the finest facilities, is under consideration.

Furthermore, the track club will need a faculty sponsor to assist as a coach. Without a sponsor the club will be denied use of Woodson's facilities and recognition by the college.

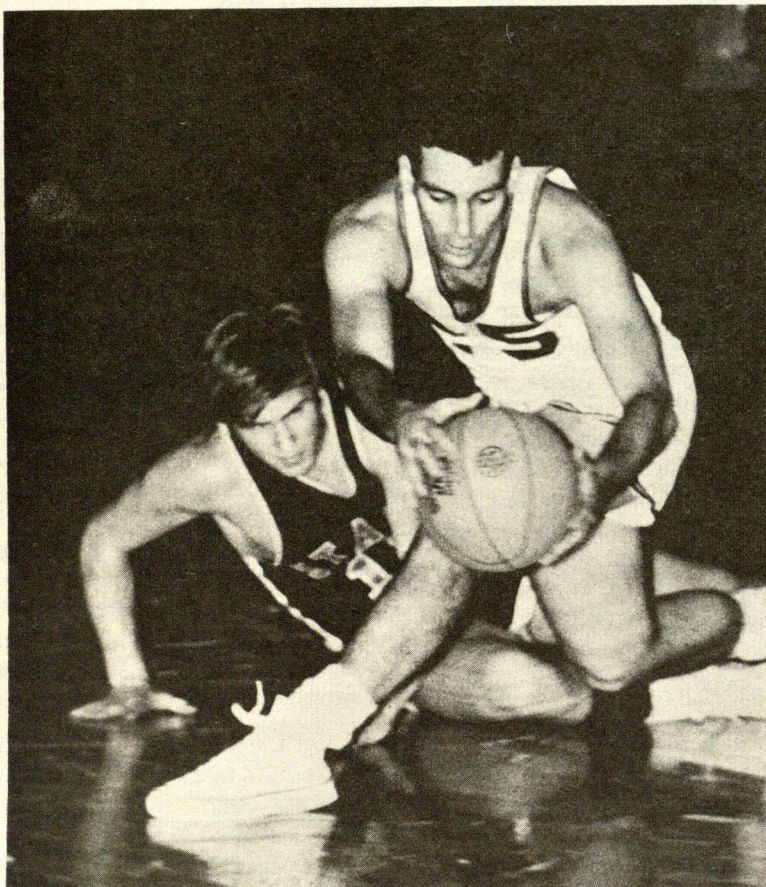
Finally, Funds are needed for the proper function of the club. Hurdles, starting blocks and uniforms will have to be purchased. Further, some compensation must be given to Woodson High School for the use of their facilities.

Starting a track team from scratch should be a unique experience for those involved. Here is the chance for the student to "get in on the ground floor" and participate.

### SAGE SPONSORS CHRISTMAS DANCE

Sage will sponsor a Christmas Semi-formal Dance to be held on Monday, December 23, 1968 at Cameron Station Officers' Club. Cost will be \$4.00 per couple. The band is the Chartbusters. Tickets can be obtained in the Ordinary or from any Sage member. Further details on parking, food and drink, and other related information will appear in the next issue of the *Ledger*.

All students are urged to acquire their tickets as soon as possible.



*Hal Woodside comes up with the ball during the Frostburg Opener at Woodson.*

## GM Rugby Club Crushes Washington

The George Mason Rugby team ended its victorious season with a 24-3 romp over the Washington All Stars. During the hour and ten minutes of play, the crowded sidelines witnessed an unbelievable continuous surge of power and speed that resulted in six tries and three conversions. In the first half, "Soap" Dowden brought the ball downfield and miraculously fought his way through the larger Washingtonians for the score. Minutes later, outside wing O'Connell caught a pass from the close following wings and put on a burst of speed for the second score. The conversion followed. Although Washington did score once, further scoring was prevented by the hard-hitting scrum led by Trotten "the Terror" Campen, Amshey, and "Cookie Duster" Taylor.

The second half was completely dominated by Mason. Action began with Dowden again scampering for the score. Several other times the season's high scorer came within inches of scoring.

After driving to the All Star's 5 yard line, Sean grabbed the ball on the line-out and with the combined 1650 pounds of the Mason scrum, barreled over for the score. Soon after, the 270 pounder, Mason's new secret weapon, suddenly picked up a loose pass for a 10 yard gain. He finally was brought down, but only after six Washington players overwhelmed him.

Although Mason dominated the entire game, both sides fought relentlessly to the last second of play. Bienert gained 20 yards on a run, only to find his pants ripped off. On two other plays, Taylor met disaster in attempting to run back

two kickoffs. Once, after side-stepping one defender, he was bodily thrown off the field and had his jersey torn to threads. The second time, he was demolished by four players seconds after receiving the kick.

Once again, Dowden went into action, carrying the ball 25 yards only to be brought down 5 yards short. Taylor picked up the loose ball on a full sprint and went over for the score.

As the minutes flew by, the playing became intense and brutal. Mason dominated most of the scrums, but Washington found their attempts futile even upon controlling the ball. Numerous times in the fashion of blitzing linebackers, Taylor, McIntyre, and Parr crushed their scrumhalf, once or twice leaving him in a state of semiconsciousness. The second half proved so intense that the game was halted five times for injured Mason players and three times for Washington, once to have a player carried off the field.

Mason continued its surge of scoring. O'Connell made the longest run of the season, over one hundred yards on a kickoff only to have it called back on a much-disputed penalty. However, he did score again on a well-executed run up the sidelines for the score. The conversion brought the score to 24-3.

As Mason closes out its season, hopes for the spring are especially bright as an equally victorious season is foreseen. High scorers for the season in order are: Dowden, Taylor, O'Connell, True, Harbin, and with single tries made by Ellis, Barry, Bear, Swanson, and Parr.

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lish and of Creative Writing. He is also Faculty Advisor of and moving force behind the Lecture Series Club.

He expressed opinions on many phases of college life at GMC. He feels that the school has a "fine opportunity to develop if it is left alone to run its own affairs; it needs autonomy. Many things will contribute to this autonomy. Some of the things that have already been instituted will help, such as more faculty and a lecture series, both of which will lead to a valid cultural atmosphere. GMC seems to be looking for an identity, and therefore independence is necessary," he stated.

He said about teaching creative writing, "GMC has the opportunity to build a solid creative writing program that can earn a reputation in an area that is the object of greatly increased student interest." He is happy to see that GMC's attitude toward a writing program is very enlightened. He also feels that the program will do a great deal for a writing program and benefit the school as a whole.

working the students quite hard, and they seem to be bearing up well," he said. Although Dr. Cohen has added more academic material to his abnormal psychology course, the course also gets down to actual cases. It is the type of material that students find innately interesting. Dr. Cohen says the course will deal with more actual cases in the second semester than in the first. The first semester is a survey of the material, while the second semester is a more specialized handling of particular topics.

His course in social psychology, Dr. Cohen said, "is the only class that I have that is as small as I would like it to be." He stated that the course is a relatively inter-disciplinary one. He feels that a sociologist might also teach a course in social psychology, but its emphasis would be quite different. Social psychology deals with interaction but does not treat the area of the structure of the society. That would be a particularly sociological topic.