# The GPA takes a beating

## High marks no mystery

by Andrew Watts

good marks. The students, the profs, and perhap most of all the administration; the better their overall Grade Point Average reflects the quality of education they're providing. If they can show high GPA's, more students will be attracted and more money will be attracted and more money

will come from the government. So what is the administration doing to improve your chances of getting good marks? Well, let's take a look at what a high level meeting on that subject might

"Okay, Standish, let's get started. We have a lot to do this

"Yes sir, I have here the Cumulative Distribution of Grade Point Averages Received By Fulltime Intramural Winter Session Students.

'The what! The what!"

The Cum... "Never mind, can't we

shorten that, Standish?"

To what sir?" "To one word like we always do, by taking the first letter of every word andforming one word from it.

"Of course it will; it always does. Just look at UNICEF. Work on that, Standish.

Yes, sir. Now from these statistics we can see exactly what faculties are achieving the best grade point averages and which are showing the worst.

"Yes, and then we can decide on how to improve the students'

chances of getting good marks." "Yes sir. Now, if we look at Medicine we see that for the year of '78-79 the GPA was 6.8, which is very good and should not need any action from us.

"Tell me, Standish, what was the GPA for the Nursing program

for the same period?"
"Uh, 7.1. Why sir?"

into the MD program and all the doctors can become women."

marks so we just transfer their GPA into the Medicine faculty and the doctors will probably do better in nursing anyway

"I don't think you have the idea of what we're doing, sir."

"Of course I do. Now go on Standish, how did the Arts faculty

"Uh,..., Arts, yes sir, here it is. Good marks. Everyone wants The BA general program showed a GPA of 6.1 and the honors program showed one of 7.6.'

"The Arts faculty always was pretty easy, we should make the honors program harder or if the smart honors students could pull up the general program, maybe we could transfer some honors

students back to general."
"I don't think that will work sir. The difference in the averages is due to the difference in the numbers of students in each program. The general program has 1610 students while the honors had only 167."

"That doesn't matter.. All we do is allow more general students into the honors program and the marks will even up, right Standish?

"Nooo, I think you've got it all wrong, sir."

"I am not wrong! Your problem is that you do not know statistics, Standish."

"I thought I did."
"Well, it is obvious that you do not. Lets carry on with this thing. Can you find the averages for the Science faculty?'

'Science, sir? Yes, all right, here the general program showed an average of 6.0 and the honors

presented one of 7.2."
"Hmm, the honors section is higher in Science, too; we'll have to do something about that. Make a note, Standish."

Why sir?" Well, we have to raise the average in the general to meet the

honors. Sometimes you worry me,

But I thought we wanted the averages to be higher, sir?'

We do, but we have to lower the honors mark to 6.6, so that it is the same as the general, you see?" 'Well not exactly sir.'

"Standish, you are not with it. "Well, don't you see? All we dish; perhaps your problem is that have to do is switch all the nurses you're stupid. How many years of university do you have?

"Eight, sir." "There you go. I finished my Well, the nurses get higher schooling in only three years." "But I have a Ph.D. sir."

"Ah, a learning disability; well that explains it. Let's go a little slower and I'm sure you'll catch on. Now tell me, what is one of the lowest averages and what is the highest?"

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### finally opens

A unique "christening ceremony" took place on campus September 2, according to an invitation received by the Office of Community Relations

The infant, now nine years old, has been called many names during her brief life, but is now to be known as the HUB Mall.

Little HUB, whose parents were the Students' Union and the architects A.J. Diamond and Barton Myers (assisted in their fatherly duties by R.L. Wilkin), is quite a cheerful child.

Born with very few defects, none really debilitating, the child has been afflicted by various adversities during her tender

Although the parents were respectable — solid conservative, middle class background - and were properly married, the family soon suffered from financial difficulties.

To be fair, the father architects were not expected to recently brought to the attention pay for upkeep of the child and of the health authorities for her they still maintain a care for their unkempt appearance. Her mom offspring and her home. The was ordered to clean her up and mother, SU, on the other hand, not to be so negligent in the could not properly provide for the future. child, with the result that papers were drawn up and HUB was adopted by a single parent with many children, Alma Mater.

parent in the truest sense of the word; her husband, Albert, continues to supply support payments on an annual basis and

no divorce is envisaged. Albert, however, maintains a costly residence on the other side strict about such things as money

that are constantly coming apart. Little HUB herself was

Despite all her problems, Alma Mater struggles on caring for her family as best she can. HUB's natural mother, SU, was Mrs. Mater is not a single never known to have a good head for figures and still suffers financial, her husband, Albert, concial problems to the extent that she may have to declare personal bankruptcy unless long-suffering Alma comes to her aid. Little HUB is now a healthy,

robust child. Even the effects of of the river and is, therefore, quite her accident in May 1973 — she was almost run over by a garbage for housekeeping.

Indeed, very few of Alma's wish her well for the future and children are allowed cosmetics hope we'll be invited to her and some are even clad in clothes eighteenth birthday.

Folio

"I need money"

#### Pres talks in his sleep

Funversation with Phil Soper my view it's a lot.

Phil: I've come to put the it baby. touch on you, Kingo. Midas: I just love your laid

back lingo.

Phil: Got an S.U. in need and a University looking for some big

Midas: Shucks. Not to worry. How many tons of my gold favor do you curry?

Phil: Check with my person Gaudet, and get back to you. But in

Midas: Lot schmot. You got much.

Phil: Elise will be riotous; Myer high as a kite. Maybe Norwood'll weep for joy.

Midas: Hell, I'll make millionares of the whole hoi

polloi. Phil: Me and the Su coffers will be enough, good ol' boy King.

Midas: Nothing for Kirk?

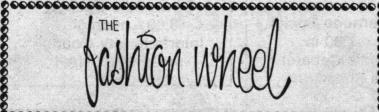
not to win an election. Phil: I'll whip his assay if he

throws his weight around too

Midas: Coming to the matter of your touch, Phil, gimme some dope on how you transmute gold into dross. I need to turn these glittering profits into a loss, if I want to do a simple thing again like eat. What I crave is your reverse Midas touch, tout de suite.

Phil: Relax, Kingo. Anyone who is touched by me Midas well Don't forget, he showed you how go into bankruptcy.

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