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Hexum Kidnapped

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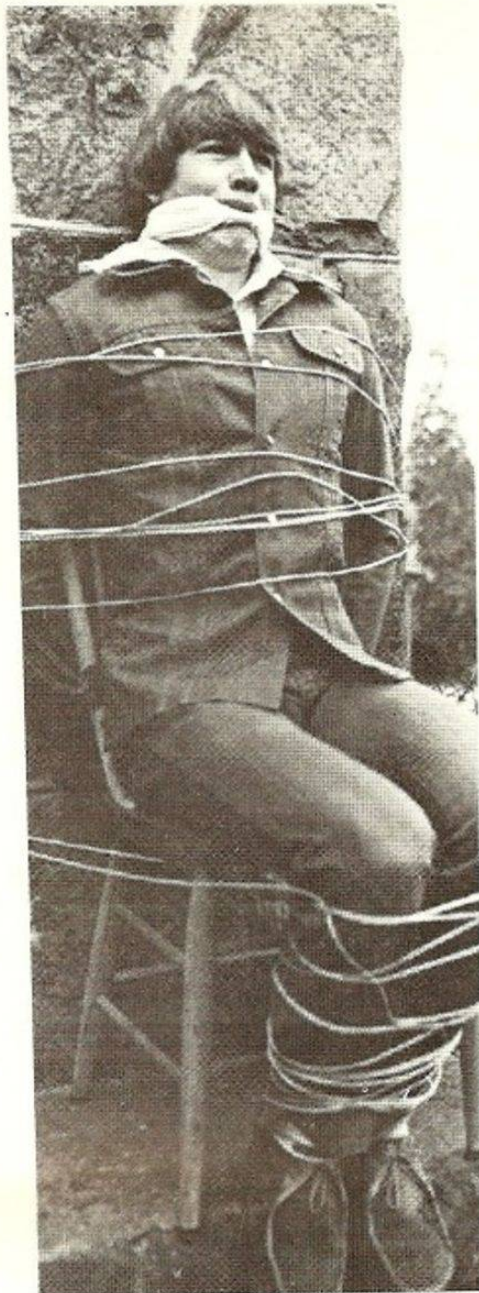
Early this morning Echo learned that Jack Hexum, Senior Class President, had been kidnapped by a group of international terrorists. The group have not made their demands known, but they appear to be connected with the Lynchburg 16, a radical terrorist group which recently tried to kidnap Mr. McNally's computer in an effort to decrease schedule conflicts.

According to an eyewitness, Hexum was lured to an apartment on 110th St. in Manhattan last night under the pretext of attending the finale of the battle of the bands contest. He was then informed that he had been kidnapped.

Hexum managed a daring escape into a passing cab only to be re-kidnapped 12 hours later while making the morning announcements. Hexum had just mispronounced the word "Kneuppel" when the terrorists burst into the announcement room and overpowered him.

After a brief but spirited struggle the kidnapers with the help of some passing seniors finally got Hexum into the bag. Following this, Hexum was conveyed by a horsedrawn carriage to a graveyard in East Orange where he was placed in a plush, oak coffin. According to a tape-recorded message found under Dr. Kneuppel's mattress early this morning Hexum was not mistreated. "I've loved every minute (sigh) of it," said Hexum.

The tape further revealed that the kidnapers, numbering five, let Hexum out about three in the morning to play some poker. "I was treated royally," reported Hexum. Commenting on Hexum's poker playing a spokesperson for the group who identified herself as Tyger-que, said, "Jack was all aces. A source close to the police investigation has identified the mysterious Tyger-que as Senior Class Vice-President Robin MacDonald. MacDonald, who is now acting President, had no comment on the matter



Hexum: Caught in a bind.

when reached early this morning in the Tiger's Den.

The poker game ended with Hexum's carrying off all of the stakes. At this time the kidnapers wanted to sleep so they nailed Hexum back into the coffin. Said Hexum: "News of my death is premature." However, his captors warned that if they are not heeded, Hexum will have to turn his "scepter in for a sepulchre." Another spokesman for the group reported, in German, that Hexum might be "kneuppel." A language scholar at one of Tenafly's leading high schools has informed Echo that "kneuppel" is a German word for a large pointy stick used to hit people with.