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# 'Overts' Snub College Riot *Student Protest* Penalties

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After 17 days, no students have turned themselves in to the Undergraduate Council Judiciary Committee for "overt" participation in the rioting following former Alabama Governor George Wallace's speech on May 3.

James E. Topinka '68, chairman of the JC, said yesterday there has been no response to the JC's joint request with the faculty's Committee on Administration that demonstrators turn themselves in as an affirmation of "free speech, public order and individual safety."

Topinka doubted if there would be "any student reaction at all," adding that he expected the administration will "probably let the whole issue slide, since we are only a week away from exams."

The joint statement said that any students turning themselves in would be declared not in "good standing" and suspended conditionally from the College at the end of this term. They would be automatically readmitted upon application at the beginning of the fall term.

## Quite Idealistic

Topinka labelled the joint decision "quite an idealistic proposal." He was out of town when it was passed.

"I just don't see how you can really expect anyone to turn themselves in, even if the punishment is as light as it was in this case," he said.

He added that he had no desire to find a more effective punishment. "I think the community has learned a lesson from the whole affair and that's what's important."

Dean Albert I. Dickerson, chairman of the Committee on Administration, said he was "disappointed and surprised" that no student had confessed.

He said the committee didn't have any specific plans to reconsider the effectiveness of the punishment, but added that he didn't "know of any reason" that would exclude the chance of a review.