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its second week.

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FREDERICTON (CUP) -- The occupation of a

government building by 600 New Bruns-

wick students to force changes in that

province's student aid system is into

Talks between the New Brunswick

government and the students are con-

tinuing, with the major breakthrough

being the province's admission that

include a lowering of the mandatory

fall within provincial jurisdition.

The government had previously

tion, but says there is no money to

say they intend to stay in the lobby

implement the \$3.5 million reform

package demanded by the students.

effective September, 1976.

argued that no changes could be

loan ceiling and an increase in grants,

implemented until federal aid policies

changed first. It now admits jurisdic-

The 600 occupying students, however,

of the government's Centennial Building,

which houses the N.B. Cabinet and their

department, until the government agrees

to make improvements in the aid system

To counter the government's plea

condemning the government for "imcom-

giveaway to a N.B. industry which went

other examples of government mismanage-

of poverty, occupation organizers

released a statement February 1st,

petence" and citing a \$10 million

bankrupt, and the government's new

\$1.5 million leased aircraft among

the students' five demands, which

expected to contribute at least \$500, and other organizations are soon expected to announce their financial support.

He also said a group of Quebec students' unions are collecting money for the occupation, and that BCSF agreed to approach B.C. colleges and universities for their support.

Jim Gray, the Students! Union President at the University of Regina, said he would call an emergency council meeting to get funds for the N.B. students, and agreed to co-ordinate fund-raising activities among Prairie schools, O'Connor said.

Support "will continue to mount" O'Connor said "as long as the New Brunswick students are fighting for equitable post-secondary education in this province. In the past few years students have seen that unless they work to remove barriers to education such barriers as high tuition, high loans and inadequate facilities will multiply."

He called on the N.B. government to "show good faith towards the future generations in the province by moving to improve the present student aid program." He also called on the government to support publicly "a more accessible system across Canada" in the current round of federalprovincial negotiations.

OUTSIDE SUPPORT

ment.

Meanwhile, support in the form of telegrams and pledges of money have been beginning to show greater support received from students' organizations across Canada. The money is required to offset the \$500-plus needed daily to feed the students and support the occupation.

The Universite de Moncton students, who comprise about :500 of the six hundred occupiers, used up the last of their students' council funds over the weekend.

MIS Executive Secretary, Dan O'Connor, who has been in N. B. since the second day of the occupation, said students' organizations across the country have been asked to provide whatever help they can.

The Ontario Federation of Students has already sent a three-person delegation to N.B. as well as a \$1,000 contribution. Atlantic schools are

N.B. SUPPORT

Although most of the students in the occupation are from the Universite de Moncton, other institutions are than when the occupation began on January 28.

St. Thomas University in Fredericton maintains a presence of about 20 students at the occupation on a rotation basis, and sentiment has been growing on that campus for a class boycott to support the student aid demands of the occupiers.

Shippegan College in the north-east part of the province has some people in the occupation, but cannot afford buses to take the 100 students there to Fredericton. They spent their funds busing to an earlier abortive occupation attempt.

The Saint John campus of UNB has pledged some financial support, but gave no exact figure, and said they would attempt to send one busload of students to join the occupation.

And the UNB Students' Council at Fredericton voted February 2 to provide \$1,000 to the occupation, following a speech by former UNB students' president Warren MacKenzie chastising the Council for failing to show leadership during the occupation.

There are now some UNB students at the occupation, and others are calling for a mass meeting to decide on whether to mount a boycott to support the occupation.

N.B. STUDENTS RESPOND TO GOVERNMENT'S POVERTY CLAIM: PRIORITIES QUESTIONED

Editor's Note: The following is the best of a statement made last Sunday night by Bernadette Landry, one of the organizers of the New Brunswick student aid occupation. The statement came during impromptu celebrations marking the 100th hour of the occupation, and in part deals with the conditions being faced by the students, and in part their response to the government's claim that it can't

afford more for student aid.

The occupation has run smoothly since it started and morale continues to be good. Much of the time is spent reading and in study sessions, where student aid and other issues are discussed. Musicians abound, and a song has even been written about the student aid struggle.

It begins: "Good morning, Mr. Premier", then outlines each of their five demands, and ends "We're going to stay and fight".

The already existing gap between the populace and the government is widening at an alarming rate. The present student aid problem is a perfect example of such a situation.

Two years have passed now and New Brunswick students still must undertake measures to improve the student aid program. All diplomatic attempts at negotiations have failed. Students cont.on P.5

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Since we did not receive feedback with regards to the last "Food" article, we decided to try again for a little response from the students and from Dietetic Services.

This seems to be turning into a bimonthly bitch column, but for a little recognition and exploitation of the abominable food service we receive, it will be worth it. We do not want this column abused and used for slanderous accusations, but for constructive criticism. Are you as unhappy with the food service as we are? Well, get off your butts and write a little.

Do you realize we have not contract with the university catering service? Other universities have contracts which have been negotiated, and include such stipulations as steak, real steak once a week. The Mount's answer to a little nutrition (steak) is the infamous "Wiener Supremes". This is a poor excuse for balanced diets, not to mention the sickening looks of raw bacon around a hot dog, floating in a pool of grease. Nutrition, my ass.

Upon going down for lunch on Friday, I was shocked to see fried bolonga, with not one other thing to go with it. No rice, as usual, no French Fries, nothing. What's the excuse this time? I believe there is none. Just because the university was thousands of dollars in the hole last year, is that any reason to starve us to death? No seconds on pork chops, approximately sixteenths of an inch thick and resembling the bottom of someon's boot. No seconds on chicken, so they can save it for the salad plates three days later. Mrs. Miner posted a statement, and I quote, "if the portions are inadequate, speak to the cook". How can we possibly squeeze more food out of the cook or the cafeteria staff, whose

orders come from Mrs. Miner, not to exceed the one portion? An answer please?

About two weeks prior to this article we were served cabbage rolls for lunch and they then proceeded to serve them for supper after they ran out of what they were serving. Now for the worst, the staff then brought out a concoction of God knows what, and called it beef stroganoff. It looked revolting and didn't taste any better. After the staff laughed at it, and roared because they could not tell us exactly what it was. They threw a few kidney beans in it, so it would resemble chili. Along with this we were served mixed vegetables with grey beets, the corn from four days ago, the beans from two days ago. God knows how old the beets were. I gagged all the way to the seventh floor and honestly got sick.

How can we be possibly expected to eat it or condone it when the staff cannot tell us what it is and laughs at it. I feel we should all be heard, and it is not too late to save next year from the same treatment and garbage

Since no one listened to my suggestions on economizing so we can have a little food, I will repeat myself. Get rid of the individual everythings, peanut butter, etc. and perhaps there will not be as much "stealing". Use restaurant sugar dispensers, and can the sugar with that extravagant "Mount" insignia, and maybe we can have a little nutrition for dessert, instead of all those empty, calorie infested desserts. This is supposed to be a cafeteria, not a hospital!!!

In conclusion, if you are unhappy with this mess, for God's sake, write it in your paper -- your channel for change, your voice. There is nothing to fear -- we don't bite. One last

thing, why, at brunch Saturday morning, were we given the choice of "ham or sausages" with our green eggs, only to find out that the sausages were really hot dogs???

I would appreciate an answer. --P.A. Yates

As another spring break draws close1, student of MSVU also see elections draw closer. The time has come for the old council and its counterparts to step down and prepare for another new council.

There are many postitions to fill and many people needed to bring success to next year's council.

We need someone to fill the job of Editor of the Picaro for 1976-77. I have found this year to be very rewarding and at times very frustrating. But as any other learning experience, it has proved to be extremly worthwhile. This position enables one to take on new responsibilities, new challanges and make many new aquaintences and good friends. We, of the Picaro, have worked closly with the Students' Council and are proud of the ways we all pulled through when the picture looked the blackest.

There are many new things to learn and to share when you work on the paper. Remember this is the voice of the campus and is your outlet for critism, appraisal and for enjoyment. If anyone is seriously considering applying for the job of editor, please by all means get together with me and we can talk about what excatly the job entails. If through this consideration you decide to become the Editor, try to recruit staff you know you can depend on, they are the most valuable assest any paper can have. Apply now, you won't be sorry!!



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J. Goulet, the people who contributed to the Zionism
article, Adair Stewart, and our advertisers.

Dear Editor:

This year, due to complications in our previous security arrangements, the Mount Students' Council was forced to look at alternatives. Quite by accident we stumbled upon the possibility of utilizing the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity as our security

This arrangement has been in operation since early October and I would like to publicly thank and commend the Fraternity brothers for the excellent job they have done. It should certainly be a well-known fact that without their assistance, the dances and pubs at the Mount would have probably been cancelled long ago. I know that being responsible for the security of an event is frequently an unpleasant task; the brothers have always handled it with efficiency and a minimum of fuss.

> A.S. Derrick President Students' Union

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CHRISTIAN CONCERM

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of PICARO (Tuesday, January 27, 1976, p. 8), you presented one aspect of Zionism. But Zionism is much more complex than that. To use the description which Richard McCormick employed to describe another complex contemporary situation, we can say that Zionism is a matter that is morally problematic, constitutionally delicate, legislatively thorny, politically insecure, ecumenically divisive, historically normless, humanly anguishing, racially provocative, journalistically abused, personally biased, and widely performed. It demands a most extra-

ordinary discipline of moral thought, one that is penetrating without being impenetrable, humanly compassionate without being morally compromising, legally realistic without being legally positivistic, instructed by cognate disciplines without being determined by them, informed by tradi-

tion without being enslaved by it. Zionism, therefore, is a severe testing ground for moral reflection and integrity. It is transparent of the rigor, fulness, and balance (or lack thereof) that one brings to moral problems and is therefore probably a paradigm of the way we face other human problems. Many of

us may be bone-weary of the subject, but we cannot afford to indulge this fatigue, much as the inherent risks of the subject might be added incentive for doing so.

In this context, would you be kind enough to publish the herein included Statement of Christian Concern About the Middle East, with the above introduction?

Thanking you for your attention, and your stimulating paper,

Sincerely,
J. Goulet
Religious Studies

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN ABOUT
THE MIDDLE EAST--October 17, 1973-Toronto

We, the undersigned, a group of Christians in Toronto, moved by the tragic war now raging in the Middle East, wish to express our concern for the victims of this conflict, and wish, in particular, to share some Christian reflections both with the larger Christian community and with the community at large. The following observations are made with a deep sense of Christian contrition for the many past "silences" of the churches at those critical moments when the Christian conscience has been tested, and found wanting. We believe that another crisis of conscience has been tested, and found wanting. We believe that another crisis of conscience has arrived, and that, on no account, must another silence be condoned.

The Arab-Israeli struggle has for years been coloured by a mythology which continues to obscure the political and human dimensions of the collision of two peoples in the Middle East. This is the mythology of a Zionism consistently represented by anti-Zionists as a racist, imperialistic Nazi-type creed imposed upon the Middle East to dispossess and oppress non-Jews, and to establish presumably a "Jewish Empire". Many Christians, unfamiliar with Zionist ideas, having been more or less persuaded of the basic truth of this mythology, tend as a result to interpret present-day events in its light. Thus, the current war is regarded as a war of liberation designed to remove the Zionist yoke in the name of humanity and justice. Such Christians are frequently disbelieving if informed that (a) Zionism is not a dirty word, like Nazism, but a complex phenomenon with its roots in both Jewish tradition and modern Jewish experience; (b) modern Zionism was born as the stepchild of western gentile anti-semitism--the anti-semitism of the Christian churches and a Christian culture -- and

was therefore an early liberation movement incorporating the response of disillusioned European Jews to the hostility of a Christian-Gentile world which refused to accept their presence; (c) the rhetoric of anti-Zionism is as old as the Zionist movement itself (that masterpiece of modern anti-semitism, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, was published about the time of the first Zionist Congress in 1897), and every important anti-semite of this century has made repeated use of this rhetoric, from Henry Ford to Adolf Hitler to current Russian propaganda. One example illustrates this trend. In Mein Kampf, Hitler attacked (Zionist) Jews for seeking to build a Jewish empire in the Middle East as "a central organization for their international world swindle...". Incidentally, the Protocols are presently in widespread circulation in the Arab-Islamic world, and definitely a factor in the Middle Eastern

To understand the issues fairly, this mythology must be stripped away. When it is gone, one sees the tragic encounter of two peoples, each with legitimate claims and aspirations, over the same territory. Christians are involved on both sides of this encounter. They are involved on the Arab side, because modern Arab nationalism owes some of its roots to the Christian missionary presence since the last century. They are involved on the Jewish side, because Jewish nationalism is the stepchild of Christian prejudice, and because Israel, by its very existence, is both a reminder and a rebuke to Christians for their role in the Jewish plight in the twentieth century, with its holocaust and its murdered children. Israel, to Jews, is more than another nation; it is a resurrection symbol following the near extinction of the Jewish people within living memory. For this reason, we believe, Christians must affirm Israel as the visible and tangible manifestation of both Jewish survival and Jewish security. For the possibility of a second Auschwitz is something which no Christian should view with equanimity and any

semblance of moral neutrality. Indeed, as matters now stand, the option of remaining neutral in an apparent life-and-death struggle does not exist. To affirm Israel is not to pretend that Israel, as a nation-state, stands above the moral criteria derived from the canons of international justice and the conscience of rational man which apply to other nations. Clearly, no nation-state is innocent or can be innocent, since power, especially military power, is always subject to misuse, and nation-states by definition are vast impersonal concentrations of power. Once the Jewish state was born, it took upon itself the moral ambiguity of a world replete with powerstruggles, and the moral dilemmas which are always entailed in the possession of power. Israel can be criticized as any other nation can be criticized, but it is profoundly wrong to oppose Israel because of its Jewish foundations, and to seek to dismantle its Jewish character, as the anti-Zionists invariably desire. In a military conflict in which the apparent object is not merely the recovery of occupied territory, but the destruction of the Jewish political community, and, if Arab rhetoric is to taken literally, to "drive the Zionists into the sea", Christians must, in our view, stand with Israel, and stand without equivocation.

The plight of the Palestinian refugees is a cause which has stirred much Christian sympathy, and which has become the focal point for the convergence of liberal sentiment (Christian and non-Christian) and the ideology of the Third World with its Marxist analysis. Israel has been identified by both groups as the oppressor, the Palestinian Arabs as the oppressed. This plight, in our view, is the other side of the tragic encounter between the aspirations of two peoples: tragic because injustice in one form or another is seemingly unavoidable. Christians are involved on this side of the conflict as well. In our opinion, however, the present attack of the Arab nations against Israel cannot be justified in these

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PROTEST

have reached the point where they are occupying a provincial government building in order to get their point across. The student community is accepting the sacrifice of personal comfort for this cause by submitting itself to these deplorable living conditions. These students have now been sleeping on a cold terrazo floor for five days. They know not the dark for the lights are left on 24 hours a day. They are continually being humiliated by provocatory measures such as the blowing of whistles and slamming of doors at all hours of the night. How much are we expected to take? Patience does have its limits.

CONCERN

terms, because the former have themselves repeatedly revealed no small measure of indifference to the refugees during recent years. Moreover, in much Christian opinion, the refugees have unwittingly emerged as a comfort for a troubled conscience, which, preferring not to dwell on Christian guilt with regard to the Jews, dwells instead on Jewish guilt with regard to the Arabs. Nor are the Churches in a position of moral objectivity whereby they can successfully play a mediatorial role between the Jewish and Arab worlds, balancing the claims and counter-claims of the two warring communities. We have long since disqualified ourselves for any such task, and should not adopt an attitude of moral superiority in a situation which exposes too many of our own failings.

- Fr. Edward A. Synan, President,
 Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval
 Studies
- Fr. Gregory Baum, Professor, St. Michael's Colleg, University of Toronto
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During his 1974 election campaign Richard Hatfield stated before U.N.B. students that if his government was elected, student aid would consist of a reduction of the loan and an increase in the bursary. Whatever happened to this promise? His answer for the last five days (during which the students have occupied the Centennial Building) has been: NO MONEY.

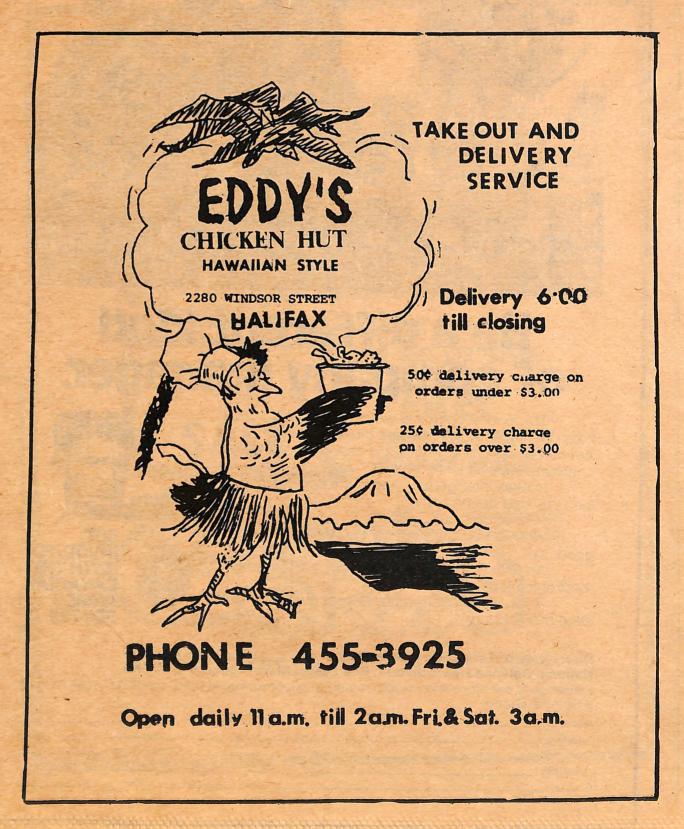
Besides the 20 million dollars invested in the Bricklin venture, many more investments are questionable. How to explain the following:

- 1) 10 million dollars have been invested in the Witaker Textiles Company. This company went bankrupt but investments keep being poured in.
- 2) 1.5 million dollars have supposedly been invested in a project to set up technical courses in Saint John (where the unemployment level is at a minimum in the province), but these courses have never been given.
- 3) 4 million dollars in federal money allocated for the bilingualism programme have been transferred to general funds in the provincial budget. To what purpose was this money used?
 - 4) The government found the means

of leasing itself a new 1.5 million dollar airplane while severe cutbacks have been imposed on ministries as important as Health, Education, and Youth. At least education would be a secure investment: We can remember the impact of these restrictions: among others the cutbacks in the number of teachers last year. It is therefore the whole population of New Brunswick that suffers from the effects of such an administration.

In front of such flagrant injustices the government should begin to feel some guilt and admit to its own incompetence.

What are the priorities of the Hatfield government? Everyone should have the right to an education; it is definitely not a luxury. But looking at the present situation of the loan and bursary programme, we see that in New Brunswick it is rather a luxury than a right. Let us remember that the lower the level of education in a country, the more vulnerable it is to exploitation.



continuing

education

During an informal interview on November 18, 1975, Paulette Ozere, Assistant Director of Continuing Education, told me about the department and its origins.

Continuing Education began in 1966, growing of a definite need that the university faced. Mature students who had been away from college for seven years or more and others who

had never attended before, required help in easing their process back into the study field.

Thus, the Continuing Education Department has become a very effective counselling system. It has given an informal access to counselling as there is a lounge just outside of the counsellor's office. Mrs. Jean

Stirling and Paulette Ozere are very visible around the fourth floor and that's the way they want it to be. The Director of the department is Dr. Mairi MacDonald.

The counselling services provide information and orientation if necessary. They are highly involved in career planning with follow-up. Noncredit courses and part-time courses come under this department. Many of the students begin on a part-time basis and then become involved in the main stream of a full course load. Counselling is available to students with personal problems or to those who just want to talk.

I was interested in finding out how Paulette reacted to her work. She said that she enjoyed it and the counsellors attempt to promote a warm feeling among the students as they strive to integrate into university life. The solidarity among the students seems evident as one sees them dropping into the lounge for a cup of coffee before class or in between.

She said that she had a great respect for the continuing ed. students. Their motivation level is high, even though most are juggling two worlds; for example, business men who are working as well as studying and teachers who are mothers with families.

The department has also initiated the Study Skills program. The program was full first term and I understand the demand was so great that the same course was offered after Christmas.

A course in career planning was in full swing this term also.

The Senior Citizen program also comes under this department. Paulette said that they have a great respect for learning. Many of these fine people had their education interrupted at the age of fourteen although they always had a great desire to learn. They are "terrific, enthusiastic and they bring a certain perspective to the undergraduates." These people are in their sixties and really enjoy life.

In this short interview I did not speak with Dr. Mairi MacDonald, Director of the department, but I was extremely interested to come across

an article in the Halifax Herald,
Nov 17, 1975--"Universities challenged
to meet women's needs". Dr. MacDonald
gave the challenge as she addressed
the fall convocation at St. Francis
Xavier University. Besides being
Director of Continuing Education at
MSVU she is also chairwoman of the
Provincial Task Force on the Status of
Women

From my own observations in the past months, I say "Hats Off" to the Continuing Education for their time, work and warmth in giving direction and support to many students of Mount Saint Vincent University.



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DRAMA SOCIETY TRIUMPHANT

Peggy Yates

Mount Saint Vincent's Drama Society produced a very successful production of Paul Zindel's "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the Moon Marigolds. Directed by Dr. P. O'Neill, the cast of "Marigolds" were nothing short of excellent.

The story revolved around the lives of two daughters living with their mother and grandmother. Brenda Betts who played Tillie was a strange character who was very much influenced by her mother, and ignored by her sister and mother. A quiet girl and extremly bright, Tillie's character had one major flaw, she did not have much of a definate character. This was not the fault of the actress who portrayed her, Tillie was meant to be a semi-dull, plain and introverted girl.

On the other hand, her sister Ruth, who was played by Debbie Bell, made up for Tillie's lack of flair. Ruth was a half-insane, extremly strong character, who was played to perfection by Debbie Bell.

The mother, a major cause and effect character, was beautifully played by Donna MacKenzie. The entire story revolved around her effect on her children, who were so opposite, just as the marigolds Tillie produced. These flowers had been exposed to Colbolt 60, and produced mutations and variations, just as the mother's catalist effect on her children.

Major and minor traumas were the backbone of the production; such as the mother's recolition of her hard life, her nightmares, Ruth's convulsions and Tillie's strangely different character.

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Nanny's portrayal by Bev Aitken, was the perfect addition for the depravation of the living situation. It is extremly difficult to play a very old woman and Ms. Aitken performed excellently.

Janice Vickery, played by Sabrina Mercer was a different character, compared to Tillie and Ruth. She obviously came from a good home where she received a great deal of attention and had "normal" parents. Janice was an overly confident, precocious child who's character wins the audience over to Tillie's heart.

Peter, the rabbit provided another climax to the production when the mother, in a drunken stupor chloroforms him. This provided an outlet for Ruth's superb convulsions.

Produced under special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, the cast did all their own costumes, and makeup, lighting etc. all came from help within the university communitity. Congradulations to Dr. O'Neill and all those involved for a realistic, professional production of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-moon Marigolds"



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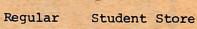


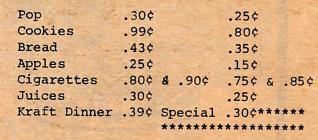
In answer to the response from the student body the Student Store has been able to increase both hours and the variety of stock. The increased volume has prompted comments from the growing number of patrons. But there are still some of you who are unaware of the goods and services that are available at the store. We have breakfasts and dinners and snacks for those of you who get the munchies. There is also news about bands and events and a copy of the Picaro is always available.

Being university students we are supposed to have some degree of intelligence. Using that intelligence and doing a little comparsion shopping you can see that shopping at the store can save you money. Hope to see you soon.

The Manager Adair Stewart

COMPARE AND SAVE













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