#### Evaristus elevator experiment finished

by Bertha Dotten

The elevator in the residence is now running at its usual speed-six seconds for the door to close from last weeks 34 second door delay.

Ronald Van Houten, head of the experiment, said the Mount did save money slowing down the elevator but did not convince any more residents to use the stairs than last year when the same test took place.

"You can change peoples use of things—a little less convience has a larger effect." Van Houten said.

Last year the same experi-

ment took place, again without the knowledge of the residents other than signs in elevators this year, however, didn't provide Van Houten with any new statistics.

"We wanted to find out if it is useful to do this kind of thing and this year is proved not very useful, so it was

terminated early, but it was a good idea basically," said Van

Van Houten said the experiment was a success on the subject of energy. If one elevator was kept slowed, approximately \$1000 a year could be saved by the univer-

Van Houten also felt that the elevator should be slowed at the beginning of every year to get the new residents used to running the stairs instead of taking the elevator.

A psychological experiment involving the residents of Evaristus Hall is over for another year.

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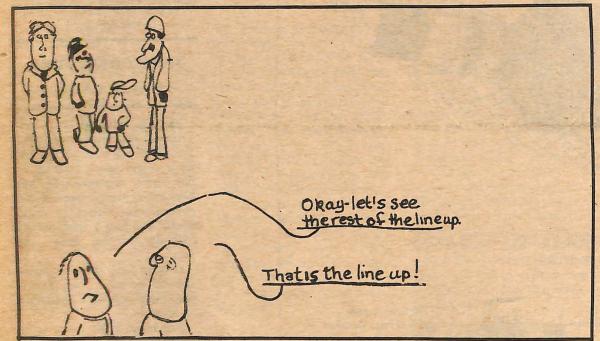
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## Six candidates offer for council



### Twelve show to quiz six candidates

by Heather Teal Staff Reporter

A meager crowd of twelve questioned the candidate during a Quiz-the-Candidate session held Friday.

Karen Stone, the only can didate for President of Studen Council, said that there would have to be some adjustment: if the referendum for a fee hike did not pass on Wednes day. She suggested secretaria salaries as one area to cut. She said a failure of the referendum would mean cutting corners everywhere.

Sandy Spencer, candidate for External Vice President said another place that could be cut would be councillors salaries. She said she would give up her honorarium so that the president could be paid.

Stone said the fee hike was a necessary one in order to pay

off the deficit at the same time as maintaining a certain amount of services for the students.

Spencer said she hopes to see next year's council working closer with the administration. She suggested a financial advisor from the administration should work with council on financial matters. Spencer said there is a need for co-operation between council and the administration.

The candidates were asked about male residences. Spencer said she thought the lack of male residence appalling. Spencer said there were enough men on campus to warrant a residence. She said men come to the Mount from all over to take programs such as Public Relations and the Mount can't even offer them accommodations.

Stone said next year's council will hopefully have communications officers. She suggested a weekly or bi-weekly report given to the Picaro from council on the activities of council, and also posting the minutes of council meetings, with the hope of informing students about the running of council.

Alice MacKichan, candidate for executive vice-president, commented on the election process. She will be in charge of elections if elected for next year's council. She hopes to improve the situation faced this year of not enough candidates by keeping an eye on potential candidates and urging them to run for office. MacKichan said more publicity was needed to make the elections a success.

#### by Barb Woodroffe and Earl Williams

Only six people have expressed an interest in filling the 15 seats in the upcoming Student Union elections. None of those six are being contested.

The absence of a substantial number of candidates can be attributed to a number of

Student Council has a poor image on campus. Sandy Spencer, candidate for External Vice-President, and past New Students Representative, said the problem is in the attitude people have toward council. "They don't want to be part of a group they don't have any faith in," said Spencer. She believes many people will wait to see what presidential candidate, Karen Stone will do, then run in fall elections.

Paula Wedge, Board of Representative Governors said, "The image of council, money problems, lack of leadership, fighting among councillors and bad press, are the reasons why people don't want to become involved. She also said students will wait to see how Karen Stone and others do over the summer.

Sandra MacLeod, Senate Representative, said the office of president is a tough one and she doesn't like how the president is treated. "Lots of work and no thanks," she said is what it amounts to.

Sue Hebert, a member of the elections committee, believes that the Student Union is messed up. She said there is a lot of apathy on campus and many don't care what happens. "Communications is a big problem," she said. With a new council soon making a fresh start, it's hoped they will keep in mind past council mistakes and put the Union back on its feet.

The six candidates and their nominated positions are: Karen Stone (President), Alice MacKichan (Vice-President), Sandy Spencer (External Vice-President), Leslie MacDonald (New Students Representative), Carrie Moorhead (Public Relations Representative) and Kathy Yonker (Home Economics Representative).

## **NEXT WEEK**

Since next week will be spring study break The Picaro will not publish. Look for it on the stand in two weeks time!

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Please note changes in and additions to the schedule printed in last week's Picaro.

#### Tuesday—February 17—2 p.m.

Amnesty International presentation by Agnes McNeil will be held in Seton

#### Wednesday-February 18-4:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Service in Chapel.

VOTE BLOGGINS

#### **NEW SOCIETY**

Student Project Ploughshares of Dalhousie is a society whose aim is to inform students on the pros and cons of disarmament through seminars, films, and discussions. Anyone interested in forming a similar society at the Mount is welcome to contact Maura Green, Research Director Student Project Ploughshares, Student Union Building, Dalhousie Uni-

#### **BUDDHIST MEDITATION**

Mon. Feb. 23 at 8 p.m., DHAR-MADHATU, a buddhist meditation and study center under the guidance of the Venerable Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche, presents an OPEN HOUSE TALK entitled: "Intelligent Compassion." The talk will be presented by a senior student. There is no charge for the talk or for meditation instruction. Dharmadhatu is at 1649 Barrington

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Department of History at Dalhousie University will present an historical overview of some of the major changes that have taken place in this century and identify the problems facing us in the coming decade.

The series continues each Thursday 12 noon to 12:45 until March 26. The public are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and doughnuts will be pro-

#### SUBVERSIVE OR SUPPORTER

Was Jane Austen a subversive or was she a staunch supporter of the status quo? Although the novelist does not strike readers as particularly complicated, literary critics are unable to agree on just what makes her works timeless.

Dr. David Monaghan, chairman of the Mount Saint Vincent University English Department has written two books and several articles on the subject. He will deliver a lecture entitled "The complexity of Jane Austen's Novels" on Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. in Seton Academic Centre room 528.

In his lecture, Dr. Monaghan will present varying critical viewpoints and their contradictions. Some say her works reflect eighteenth-century English society while others maintain that her work exists in a timeless vacuum. According to Dr. Monaghan an understanding of Jane Austen's novels requires an interpretation that reconciles the many critical camps.

Dr. Monaghan has presented papers on Jane Austen in cities across the country in addition to his books Jane Austen: Structure and Social Vision and June Austen in a Social Context.

This lecture is part of the Mount's Public Lecture Series.

#### JOBS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Greene said the B.C. government will fund fewer positions in the private sector, but for a longer term. Funding of non-profit organizations has been discontinued because the government wishes to avoid double funding a traditionally federally funded area, she

Greene said the jobs were slashed because "we anticipate there will be a reduction of revenue."

Provincial NDP labor critic Karen Sanford also criticized the government action.

"I cannot understand the reasoning of the government to cut back the program when the largest area of unemployment is in the student age group," she said.

'Tuition, residence, food and transportation costs are going up for students and it's already hard enough for them to find work.'

Sanford said "there's no doubt" people will be raising the issue when the government resumes in March. But the chance of changing the policy at this point "is very remote," she said, adding that she hoped "students will make their views known and with the public bring enough pressure to ensure change.'

A similar move by the social credit government in 1978 to slash the Youth Employment Program to \$700,000 from \$1.5 million was reversed due to student, university president and board of governors pressure from UBC and other post-secondary institutions.



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### B.C. Government axes student jobs

VANCOUVER [CUP]—The B.C. government has axed more than 5,000 summer jobs, including 1,500 specifically meant for students, in what is called a "belt-tightening move," by the director of the employment opportunities program.

Virginia Greene said February 9 no dollar figures would be available until March, but added the move would result in a sizeable decrease from last year's budget of \$24 million.

Greene said 1,500 student jobs were discontinued after the work in government program was cancelled. But she could not give an exact breakdown of the lost jobs, saying the government this year funded the creation of

only 11,000 jobs, compared with 16,000 in 1980.

The university of B.C. student council was quick to react to the job cuts.

At a meeting February 11, council members voted to write a letter of protest to the provincial government, which carried a promise of further action if the protest was ignored.

"I have no intention of sitting idle while they cut that money out of student hands," external affairs officer-elect James Hollis said after the meeting

"The action of the provincial government is a severe oversight, and they must be made aware of the consequences to rethink their course of action," he said.

The job cuts also came under fire from the B.C. Students Federation (BCSF).

"It's intolerable," BCSF spokesperson Steve Shallhorn said

"Last summer, the unemployment rate among students was as high as 19.5 per cent. Combined with higher tuition fees and no student aid changes, it's clear that the provincial government has a policy of keeping lower income students out of school," he said.

Greene denied the charge, saying "I don't think he'd get much agreement from the provincial government on that."

"I think it may be difficult for students to find jobs in the provincial government. But while the work in government program has been cancelled, there are still other summer job opportunities in the public job market," she said.

An additional 3,500 jobs in

the non-profit organization and private sectors were cut in the government action.

SEE JOBS PAGE 2

## Stone—Communication must improve

by Heather Teal Staff Reporter

Karen Stone, the only presidental candidate for February eighteenth's Student's Council elections, said in an interview Thursday she sees her biggest tasks as council president will be trying to build up student spirit on campus, and trying to "create a better line of communication between the Union and the students."

Stone said one of the major problems for students at the Mount is being uninvolved in activities and events at the university. Stone said she plans to make herself extremely accessible to the students, if elected, and also encourage student participation in all facets of university life. Stone feels the first two months of the fall '81 semester will be very critical for getting the students involved on campus. She plans to concentrate on involving freshmen and non-residents in the activities at the Mount.

Stone said her years of living in residence and her experience as Residence Assistant have given her a good idea of the needs and demands of the resident students, and she hopes to become accessible to the

non-resident students in order to represent their needs and demands adequately.

Stone said she was disappointed by the lack of candidates for council positions, but said "that won't discourage me. We'll just have to work harder." Stone doesn't see the lack of candidates as a big problem for next year's council. She said she knows most of the other candidates, and feels that they will be able to work well together.

When asked about the problems of the present council, Stone said most of their problems were "internal problems, which interrupt their working as a unified body." Stone said it must be understood by members of any organization that just because you don't like someone doesn't mean you can't work with them.

Stone blames the deficit facing the present council partly on a build-up of deficit over the past few years, too many entertainment losses, and inflation.

Stone said if the referendum to increase union fees in order to cover the deficit doesn't pass, next year's council will have to work out the problem of "where available money can best be used."

## Spencer—Students need upgraded services

by Sue Drapeau Staff Reporter

"A priority for next year's council is pulling the Union back up to the level of services it should have been at this year," said Sandy Spencer, the only candidate for External Vice President of Student Council.

Spencer, who has been working closely with this year's External Vice President, Heather MacDougall and with the provincial organization, Students Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS) since October, said she feels she knows enough about the issues to to an effective job in

the position of External Vice President.

Many issues will be faced by Mount students next year including differential fees, and students' awareness will be the key to her success as External V.P., said Spencer. She said she is already working with the foreign students on campus on the subject of differential fees.

She presently holds an executive position with SUNS and said the Mount should deal closely with SUNS. "Holding an executive position with SUNS can be nothing but an asset to the Mount," she said.

A major internal issue to be dealt with by next year's council will be increasing the credibility of student council in the students' eyes. "You can change the credibility of the council. Good people on the executive can create good communication with the students," said Spencer.

Another issue, said Spencer, is the improvement of services. "Entertainment and The Picaro: These are the two services the Union offers that most directly affect students," said Spencer. She said she would find it easier for next year's council to offer better services if the fee hike referendum passes.

#### letters

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#### Movie criticism criticized

To the Picaro:

Francis Moran, you are truly an asshole. Your punctuation is appalling (see paragraph seven).

Your not-so-intelligent criticism of the movie "Fort Apache, The Bronx" is unbelievable. I saw the movie the same night you did and some of your points are well noted (I missed the commercial scene, too) but this is a movie of character development. Although it lacks a heavy plot, we are given an insight of a man struggling through a middle age identity crisis and

Ed Asner can't cast off his role as Lou Grant but you can't defrock one of the kings of motion picture. This may not

his troubles and worries.

have been his best movie but what movie with Paul Newman can be a "piece of garbage"?

You jerk, you self-acclaimed masochist, let me whip you!

Have you ever, in all your sheltered life, walked through the Bronx? I think if you had, you might would not say that this movie is a misrepresentation of the true life of hookers and junkies and all life gone bad symbolized by New York city.

Jane Austen and Harlequin romance novels are designed for you. You should pay double the price at the box office.

Truthfully,
Byron Metcalf

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## The charter of rights- Equality for women?

by Wendy Jones reprinted from the McGill Daily by Canadian University Press

Question: What will the proposed Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms mean for Canadian women?

Answer: "...an end to all forms of discrimination against women, that is if the Constitution Committee accepts our proposals," said Hellie Wilson, vice-president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The council was created in 1973 to study and publicize women's issues and to advise the Minister (currently Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Employment and Immigration) on those issues concerning the status of women.

The council supports wholeheartedly in principle the idea of entrenching a Bill of Rights into the constitution, but have found the government's proposals too vague; and, subsequently open to varying interpretations by the courts.

"It is of paramount importance to ensure that the wording used in the charter will provide such clear directions to judges that they cannot possibly misinterpret the intended content and meaning," said a Council report of November 18, 1980.

In light of the failure of the current Canadian Bill of Rights to provide equality for women, the council has come up with several changes to the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms proposed by the government's constitution committee.

Some of their changes have already been accepted, particularly those applying to Section (15) on "Non-discrimination Rights".

The section has been amended to read, "Every individual is equal before and under the law" and that all individuals have the right to "equal benefit of the law."

The purpose is to protect women and other minorities from discriminatory laws already on the books. The current Bill of Rights merely provides for "equality in the administration of the law" as interpreted by the courts.

A prime example of the inadequacy of this interpretation is the fate of native women who marry non-natives and subsequently lose all rights as natives for themselves as well as their children. This penalty does not apply to native men who marry non-native women. Clearly a law that discriminates on the basis of sex, this has been tolerated by the courts because minorities have not been given the equal protection and benefit of the law.

American law provides for the equal protection of the law as well as its administration. It also recognizes the inevitability of the courts to make distinctions between groups of people. However, certain of these distinctions, in particular race, are not sanctioned. Unfortunately, U.S. courts can't seem to decide whether sex is a reasonable basis for classification.

"We see no need to import into our law this American muddleheadedness," said the Council.

The Council is therefore calling for a second sub-section to the article on Non-discrimination Rights which clearly spells out on what grounds equal rights can be denied. Specifically "only on the basis of a reasonable distinction" and that "sex, race, national or ethnic origin, and religion will never constitute a reasonable distinction."

The third sub-section to this article concerns affirmative action programs. The government's proposal would provide for any programs that would benefit anyone who was "disadvantaged". The Council has determined that this is entirely too vague. They want the affirmative action programs limited to those legislated by the government, and they want them to apply to those individuals whose "disadvantages are related to race or sex or to any other unreasonable distinction. . "

In connection with these changes, the Council has asked that the word discrimination be removed because they feel it implies that a person has to be adversely affected before they can claim equality rights. They would also like to see the title - Non-discrimination Rights - changed to

Council as "deplorable"

"If section one is allowed to continue in its present form, there is no point in having the rest of the Charter. Our liberties and rights will be in greater jeapordy while 'guaranteed' by a Charter containing section one than ever they have been,"

A prime example of the inadequacy of this interpretation is the fate of native women who marry non-natives. . . .

Equal Rights to reflect the positive nature of section (15).

There are other sections of the proposed Charter not dealing expressly with equal rights which the Council would like to see altered.

In particular, section one is viewed by the

said the Council report.

Section one states that the guarantees of the entrenched rights are "subject only to such reasonable limits as are generally accepted in a free and democratic society with a parliamentary system of government."

In the Council's view, a main purpose of the Charter is to protect minority rights, and these should not be limited by majority opinion. Also, because any "limitations" would come from Parliament and be subject to approval by the courts, it might cause unnecessary conflict between those two bodies.

Ostensibly, the purpose of this section is to permit the curtailment of certain rights, in the public's interest, during a national crisis. If, indeed, such a clause is necessary, the grounds for such limitation must be succinctly and narrowly defined. Also, the philosophy behind such limitations—the ultimate protection of all basic rights—should be clearly expressed.

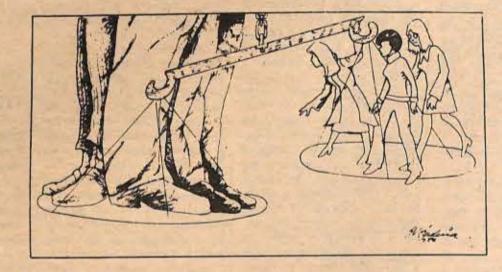
Jean Chretien, Minister of Justice, announced

in early January that the present section one would be struck and that the amended version will be a simple introduction to the Charter.

Section 29 of the original proposal by the government included a three-year moratorium on the implementation of section 15, the purpose

not be permitted.

As well, the Council wants section three on political rights to conform with the section on equal rights. Remembering a not-so-distant past when women and other minorities were denied the right to vote and hold public office, they find



...for anyone?

by Brian Topp reprinted from the McGill Daily by Canadian University Press

In the military dictatorships of Latin America today, life for many consists of waiting for the knock on the door at night that will herald their disappearance. The people picked up in the juntas' fishing expeditions for dissidents might return weeks later. As often, they will simply disappear forever.

In South Africa, almost 20 million blacks provide a pool of slave labor for 4 million whites.

In Poland, farmers demand the right to join their colleagues in the cities in an independent labor union. On the borders, Soviet, East German and Czechoslovakian soldiers are massing.

In Saudi Arabia, women accused of adultery are stoned to death. Thieves sometimes lose their hands.

And in Canada, the first volume of the Macdonald report on decades of illegal RCMP activity has been in the hands of the federal solicitor-general for weeks; the report is in the process of being "abridged", and only selected portions will ever be made public.

public. All of these are the consequences of governments whose power is unbridled, and of societies willing to tolerate the resulting excesses or unable to resist them. An observer is hard-pressed to find any country in the world where citizens can live unmolested to any degree by government. Where they are not openly predatory, governments are strangling people in bureaucracy, oppressing them with odious laws, ignoring the plight of the poor while fattening the rich, etc.

Canadians are lucky in that our population is relatively small in a rich country. Further, we are lucky in that we are a small country that has transferred from one empire (the British) to another (the U.S.) relatively bloodlessly. Our overlords were and are most interested in plundering our resources than in stationing armies on our terri-

As a result, we have been spared the brutalization that afflicts much of the rest of the

But in no way can we pretend that Canada has been free from oppressive government. From the crushing of the Metis in the 1870s to the police states inaugurated under the War Measures Act in 1914, 1939 and 1970, and from the extermination of Canada's native peoples to

Duplessis' padlock laws, Canadians have tasted what others have lived with for generations.

The contempt our governments hold for civil rights is eloquently demonstrated in the bargaining that has taken place since the present prime minister proposed an entrenched Canadian Charter of Rights while still justice minister in the Pearson cabinet. Provincial premiers have effectively held our civil rights to ransom, holding out on the Charter until the federal government agrees to dismember itself by "repatriating" its

The events of October 1970 make it difficult to take Pierre Trudeau very seriously when he speaks, eloquently as always, of the need to place checks on Parliament's and provincial legislatures' nowers.

powers to the provinces.

But in something like the proposed Charter of Rights, we have a first, incomplete step in the right direction.

It is true, as opponents of the Charter argue, that Canadian courts have not shown themselves to be outstanding defenders of civil rights; we can expect their performance in enforcing the Charter to be mediocre in the great Canadian tradition.

Further, it is true that the courts can do little against a truly repressive and authoritarian government. Against guns and tanks, judges can do nothing.

But a constitutionally entrenched Charter, and the opportunities it opens for individuals to seek redress for violations of their rights, is a step in the direction of creating a political atmosphere in this country which will make people more conscious of their liberty, fragile as it is.

And perhaps then Canadians will be less willing to barter their rights for law and order at the first hint of disturbance. being to allow governments time to change their laws in accordance with the Charter. The Council wants this struck completely.

"This is surely unconscionable, and extremely incongruous given the haste with which the government is proceeding with the rest of the resolution," they said.

To amend the problems faced by native women, the Council would like to see section 24 which the government's wording, "without unreasonable distinction or limitation", less than reassuring.

In all cases what the Council is demanding on behalf of Canadian women is a charter that will clearly and specifically sanction equal rights in all areas and, further, a charter that inherently condemns all forms of discrimination against women.

A main purpose of the Charter is to protect minority rights and these should not be limited by majority opinion.

guarantees "any rights or freedoms that pertain to the native peoples of Canada" reworded to include the phrase, "provided that such rights or freedoms pertain equally to native men and women".

With cases of sexual assault in mind, the Council also wants section 26 concerning the admissibility of evidence during trials redefined so that sexual biases and stereotypes, in accordance with the section on equal rights, will

In light of the flagrant abuses of the current Bill of Rights with regards to discrimination against women, it is imperative that the proposed charter embody and support, without restriction, equal rights for all people all of the time.

Equal rights must be entrenched, but they should be done so in a manner not open to varying interpretations.

The Constitution committee is scheduled to report on their amended package February 6th.





## News

## CONSTITUTIONTHE KEY IS THE AMENDING FORMULA

by Kingsley Croft Staff Reporter

"If you think the constitution is a hot topic of discussion now, just wait until it gets into the House of Commons" said Russel McLellan, Parliamentry Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, in a constitutional lecture he delivered at M.S.V.U. on February 13.

We have been trying for the last 53 years to bring the constitution home, said McLellan. "The constitutional problem seems to lie with the fact that the original fathers of confederation never agreed on how to amend the Canadian Constitution."

"The amending formula is the key. . . over the 53 years the closest we came to consensus was that the Victoria Principle would be the key in the patriation.

"We are not dealing with a Canadian Act. This is a British

Act and in the hands of the British, subject to amendment and passage in the British Parliament.

"We as the Liberal government do not want to be accused of ramming the constitution down the throats of the Canadian people."

"We need a strong central government and repatriation with an amending formula."

When asked if due to the negative opinion and controversity surrounding the charter of rights, if it would be feasible for the Federal Government to omit the charter of rights from the constitutional reform package, McLellan said, "It is extremely unlikely because entrenchment of rights in the constitution assures all provinces rights. At this time some provinces have a provincial charter of rights but this does not apply to all".

"When we had committee hearings, many agreed on the principle of the charter of rights but each province has individual rights they want to see embodied."

The constitutional package which includes the charter, amendment and repatriation must pass in the House of Commons after a lengthy procedure. This piece of legislation must pass through senate-governor general—House of Lords—House of Commons and eventually must be signed by the Queen.

When asked about the anti-British sentiment in Canada, McLellan said, "It is extremely unfortunate... there are a lot of British traditionalists who cling to the idea of the British Commonwealth. They see the constitution as an erosion of their culture, they are used to

looking on Canada as an Empire Colony."

Asked if the legislation would pass through British Parliament he said, "Margaret Thatcher is the government, not a few parliamentarians, M.P.'s or Lords and has agreed to pass the legisla-

tion with the greatest "dispatch".

"Our constitution is a British Act and must be brought back to Canada with an amending formula. It is not only a legal matter but one of pride as well."

## University of Toronto may ban Klan

TORONTO [CUP]—Student's council at the University or Toronto will decide shortly whether or not they support "banning the Klan."

A motion put forward by a number of councillors to have the Ku Klux Klan thrown off campus is "meant to be a symbolic gesture" says Charles Mills of the Afro-Caribbean Students Association. "It would be understood that they didn't want them (the KKK) on campus," he said.

Alexander McQuirter, the so-called grand wizard for the Canadian wing of the KKK, says the council cannot ban the

"They are nothing but school children, they have no power," he said, adding "the debate is a foolish exercise of debating techniques. It is irrelevant what they do."

The executive assistant to the Attorney-General of Ontario, Michael Conacher, said the Klan had the right of free speech but would be watched very carefully.

Gary Yee of the speech council anti-racism committee rejects the freedom of speech argument.

"It may be easier for those who have not been subjected to it (racism) to speak for rights of speech," Yee said.

## Manitoba students given low rating by phone company

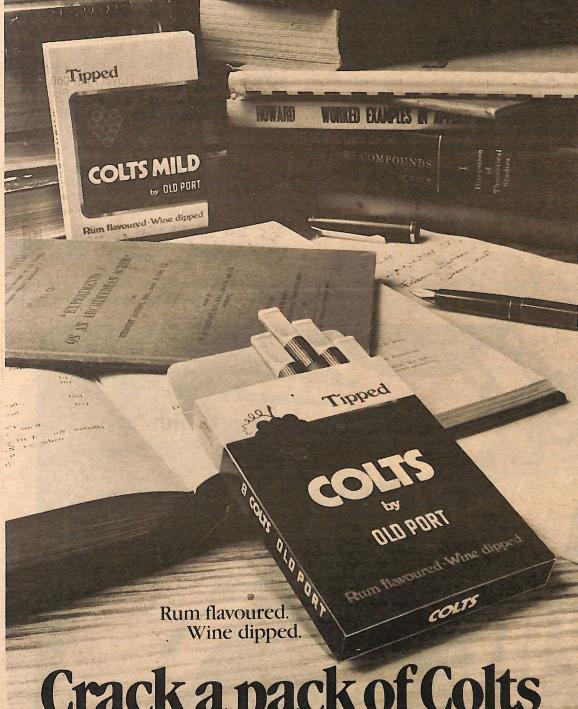
WINNIPEG [CUP]—Manitoba students are being discriminated against by the Manitoba Telephone System (MTS) solely because they are students, a University of Manitoba employee has charged.

Ruth Yanor, a full time employee at the U of M information desk was told by an MTS agent that students did receive a lower credit rating because of their status as students.

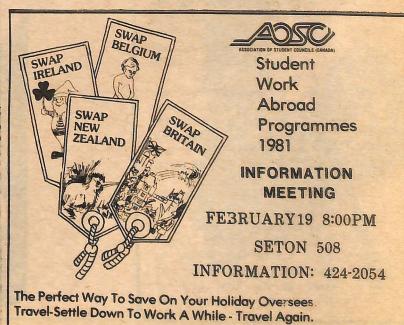
Each month at least 35 students receive warning notices from MTS and complain to employees at the info desk. As a result, U of M university centre director Lou Molina has since asked MTS for an explanation but MTS has denied discriminatory practices.

An agent manager for MTS said although students are "normally not gainfully employed" credit standing is not part of MTS policy.

MTS spokesperson Jerry Will said the same complaint was made by the Brandon University paper when he worked ir Brandon but added the matter was simply "ability to pay."



Crack a pack of Colts along with the books.



## Sports

#### Extravaganza planned

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—"ACTIVITY EXTRAVAGANZA"

Dot		LOFEVENIS - ACTIVITY		
Date Monday	Time 8:00- 8:45 a.m.		Event Exercise to music	Where
March 2	9:00-11:30 a.m.		Basketball Free Throw	Gym Gym
			Badminton serving	Cyni
	12:15- 1:15 p.m.		Exercise to Music	Gym
	1:15- 2:15 p.m.	1601	Soccer	Gym
	5:00 p.m.	"Challenge"	Off Campus team vs. Wor Volleyball team—volleyball	nen's Gym
	7:30-10:30 p.m.		Badminton—recreational	Gym
	8:00- 9:30 p.m.		Rhythmical Gymnastics	MPR
Tuesday March 3	All Day		Visit the Games Room	
March	9:00-10:30 a.m.		Soccer	Gym
	12:15- 1:15 p.m.		Exercise to Music	Gym
	2:00- 4:00 p.m.	"Superstars"	Tennis Machine for Accuracy Frisbee throw for accuracy Off-Campus vs. Women's Ba ball team (basketball)	Gym asket- Gym
	6:00- 7:00 p.m.	"Challenge"		rvices Gym
	6:00- 7:00 p.m.		Ballet	MPR
	7:00- 8:00 p.m.		Jazz	MPR
	7:00 p.m.	Intercollegiate	M.S.V.U. Women's Bask	etball
			team vs Team from City League	ie Gym
Wednesday March 4	8:00- 8:45 a.m.		Exercise to Music	Gym
	8:45-12:00 noon		Learn How to use the W Room	eight Ex. Room
	11:00-12:30 p.m.		Soccer	Gym
	12:30- 1:30 p.m.		Exercise to Music	Gym
	1:00- 2:00 p.m.		Yoga	Ex. Rm.
	2:00- 4:00 p.m.	"Superstars"	Shuttle Run Soccer Kick on Goalie	Gym
	6:00- 7:30 p.m.		Folk Dance	MPR
	7:30- 8:30 p.m.	"Challenge"	Evaristus vs. Bronson Hot volleyball	use in Gym
	8:30-	"Challenge"	Men's Ice Hockey team vs. Women's Field Hockey	
			team—Sockey Hockey	Gym
	7:30-10:30 p.m.		Badminton	Gym
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Thursday March 5	All Day	t to	How to use your sauna	13 3 3 3
	9:00-12:00 noon	"Superstars"	Obstacle Course	Gym
	12:15- 1:15 p.m.		Exercise to Music	Gym
	5:00- 6:00 p.m.		Exercise to Music	
	7:00 p.m.	"Intercollegiate"	MSVU Women's Volleyball Team vs. Village Gate Gym	
	8:00 p.m.		Rhythmical Gymn display—Half time entertainm	ent
Friday March 6	11:00- 2:00 p.m.	"Superstars"	Final of Superstars	Gym
	2:30 p.m.		T-Shirt Draw	Games Rm.
	2:30 p.m.		Men's Soccer vs. Women's team	Soccer
	4:00- 6:00 p.m.		Happy Hour	MPR
Sunday March 8	2:00- 5:00 p.m.		Co-ed Games	

#### Entertainment

#### Vincent Hall party a heartache

by Angela Joell

Saturday's Vincent Hall Valentine's party, held in the multipurpose room in Rosaria, was successful but not without problems in getting the dance off the ground.

Aside from the problem of apathy among Vincent Hall residents leaving only a few to do the legwork for the dance organization, the entertainment planned for the evening cancelled out at the last minute. At 10:30 Friday night,

when the news came, organizers had to scramble to find replacement entertainment.

They did manage to hire disc-jockey, Blaine Patterson, who, after a bit of scrambling was able to round up some equipment and put on a show for the lovers' event. Patterson said he was sorry that he hadn't brought more rock tunes since it was requested so much, but was faced with a time problem in putting together a show.

23 year old Patterson is a

veteran of the disco-show circuit. He has worked in various clubs in Halifax and as far away as Vancouver.

The dance, nonetheless, was a success. The dance floor was never empty, and there were no problems too big for security to handle.

In the true spirit of Valentine's Day, the Vincent Hall residents all decided to wear a red heart and a bright smile to greet their guests. Their smiles were justified since a good profit was turned.

#### **Badminton** a success

The Mount Saint Vincent Badminton team claimed first place in a recent tournament held in Cape Breton. Once again Bruce Croft swept the men's singles event by defeating players from the College of Cape Breton, Teacher's College and the Coast Guard. Anita Sundaram captured the winning position in the women's singles event while Mary Moran and Sheri McKillop, with a great team effort, took forst place in women's doubles. Donna LeVatte and Mark Leadlay contributed to the final standings by placing third in the mixed doubles event and men's doubles was a close fight to the finish with Gary Tang and Earl Williams taking second spot.

Earl Williams taking second spot.

The hospitality of College of Cape Breton was much appreciated, and a GREAT!! time was had by all.

#### **sports briefs**

Study break is fast approaching, and so is The Activity Extravaganza!! Save some vim and vigour for that week—all week—March 2-6, activities for everyone.

Agricultural College will be here to challenge our Mount basketball team for the first game in Social Athletic Complex. Game time 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17th.

Meeting—Activity Extravaganza Committee.

Come to this very important

meeting on Monday, February 16th, at 4:45 p.m., second floor Assisi.

N.S.C.C. Basketball tournament takes place the weekend of March 14th at M.S.V.U. Social Athletic Complex—Mount hosting. Plan to come out for some of the games.

The Athletic Awards Banquet is being planned for Saturday, March 14th. Details to be announced later, but plan now to attend.



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Mgr: Oonagh Enright

#### Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

> Sat. and Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Corner at bottom of tunnel

(beside bank and bookstore)

## consider the consequences:

On Wednesday, the students at this university will be asked to support a \$20 increase in Student Union fees. If you don't vote in the referendum, consider the consequences.

The Union needs 30 per cent turnout before the vote can be considered valid. That means about 500 students must cast ballots or the whole exercise is lost and the referendum fails.

If it fails, the Union, as we know it, ceases to exist. This organization can no longer provide any level of services to its members without this increase. If you don't vote, you will contribute to the eventual dismantling of your own union.

For whatever reasons, the Union is financially squeezed. What is important here is that we have a way out. If you want your Union to survive and prosper, vote yes on Wednesday.

If you don't, next year there will be no entertainment, no student pub and very little society funding. If you think things are bad now, just wait until then.

Think about it and consider the consequences.

## vote "yes" on wednesday

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