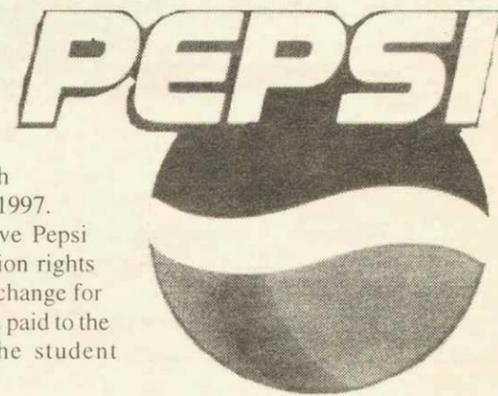


Pepsi contract ups the price of pop at U of M

DSU president doesn't expect prices to rise at Dal



BY JEREMY NELSON

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Students at the University of Manitoba have been hit with an increase in the price of pop on campus under the school's exclusivity deal with PepsiCo.

Could it happen at Dal?

Over the U of M's winter break the cost of a 600-millilitre bottle of Pepsi had risen by 25 cents to \$1.50.

The change has some students complaining the cost of quenching their thirst has gone too far.

"I'm not too pleased about the increase," said student Ryan Davies. "Our freedom is already restricted because we can't have Coke. I prefer Coke but I have to drink Pepsi unless I go off campus. And now they have the gall to charge me more for it."

Dalhousie also has a Pepsi-only contract. And 600 mLs of pop already cost \$1.50 here.

But Ted Chiasson, Dalhousie Student Union president, says he doesn't expect prices to go up — at least for a little while.

"It may go up in a couple years time but hell, everything goes up in a couple years time," he said.

Chiasson says Dal's ten-year

contract — with revenues in the millions of dollars — is what's best for students. He says the money from the deal will go towards funding student activities like scholarships and sports, but not at the expense of students.

"If it ended up screwing students I wouldn't sign it."

The U of M price hike came days after a two-year price freeze expired.

Now, the cola giant is free to charge whatever it wants at its vending machines on campus, while university businesses and food providers can choose whether or not to keep pace with the increases.

A representative for food services at the U of M, says the new

price freeze.

But the school's student union says it will try to hold its prices at \$1.15.

Most universities across the country now charge \$1.50 for a bottle of Coke or Pepsi.

The University of Manitoba and the student union signed a 10-

year agreement with Pepsi in December 1997.

The agreement gave Pepsi exclusive distribution rights at the U of M in exchange for an undisclosed sum paid to the university and the student union.

with files from Shelley Robinson

Bishop's University shaken by vending machine death

BY VICTOR KRAMER

LENNOXVILLE, Que. (CUP) — The unlikely death of a young student has left the community at Bishop's University grieving and in shock.

Kevin Mackle, 18, was discovered pinned under a 417-kilogram vending machine Dec. 13 in the residence hall where he lived.

The first-year business student from Etobicoke, Ont. was pronounced dead at the scene. A preliminary coroner's report stated the cause of death was suffocation.

It's believed the Coca-Cola vending machine accidentally toppled onto Mackle while he was

trying to get a free can of soda by shaking it back and forth.

Fellow student Chris Livingston found the body that morning, the same day Mackle was apparently planning to return home for the holiday break.

"I was going to breakfast and opened my door and looked down the hallway," said Livingston. "I saw the pop machine was tipped over and I could see his leg through the window of the door."

He and two other students lifted the machine up and called for help.

In a move designed to prevent a similar tragedy from ever recurring, Bishop's University has

removed all vending machines not in embankments, which make them nearly impossible to tilt or move.

Mackle's death has also raised concerns in this small community outside of Montreal about the safety of vending machines.

"I think that companies should come up with safer machines, or at least better safety standards," said Bishop's dean of student affairs Tom Allen.

"It's the same thing as with [hockey pads] and things like that, safety standards have to be high for those things to go out to the public."

A funeral for Mackle was held Dec. 18 and a memorial service is scheduled for Jan. 29.

20 years ago, this week

FBI stinkbombs alternative papers
Washington (CUP) — An FBI memo that proposed to spray alternative papers with a chemical stench was among documents released under the US Freedom of Information Act.

counter-intelligence program to infiltrate and discredit alternative and underground media in the 60's and 70's, nearly 1000 pages of FBI documents revealed.

The "stench" memo stated: "A very small amount of this chemical discolors a most offensive odor, and its potency is such that a large amount of papers could be treated in a matter of seconds."

Other memos indicate that J. Edgar Hoover himself may have nixed the plan before it was implemented.

Fake ID leads to fraud charges
Toronto (CUP) — Two student journalists were charged with fraud after they got fake ID and then wrote an article about how easy it was.

The students got the ID, immediately gave it back and wrote the article.

The Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario wanted to press 14 charges including fraud and make "examples" of the students, who were the first to be charged under the law.

The maximum penalty was \$10,000 or a year in jail.

Liberal arts college axed
Ottawa (CUP) — The declining importance of liberal arts killed a college.

St. Patrick's College, an affiliate of Carleton University, was closed because of declining enrolments. The college, started in 1931, offered only liberal arts courses. According to Carleton

University officials it had ceased to be a "viable institution".

How do you spell 'Say what?'
San Francisco (CUP-ZNS) — The following sentence was contained in a report on how schools should fight illiteracy: "The conceptual framework for this evaluation posits a set of determinants of implementation which explains variations in the level of implementation of the comprehensive project."

International students deported for late visas

Edmonton (CUP) — At least 12 University of Alberta students were deported for failing to renew

their visas on time.

A change to Immigration laws meant students could no longer renew visas while still in the country.

U of M said scholarships shouldn't discriminate

Winnipeg (CUP) — A scholarship intended only for male graduate students lead the University of Manitoba to vote against discriminatory scholarships and fellowships.

The plan, which some said would have serious consequences for affirmative action, proposed that academic awards not "discriminate on the basis of race, creed, colour, ethnic or national origin, sex, age, or political belief."

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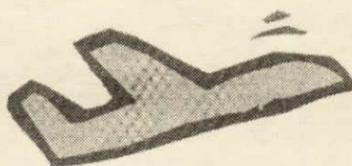


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