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to provide a service to a variety of students' needs.

In addition, Brown says any debts incurred by HFS "tend to impact on the academic program at the university" because deficits are taken from the university's \$1.5 million operating reserves fund.

Last year, HFS operated at a \$350 thousand deficit.

Students in Lister Hall will also be paying \$300 more for the scrip they are required to buy at the beginning of the year.

But because the existing system allows residence students a 25 per cent discount on scrip purchased in aaddition to their original \$900 allotment, Brown says the new rate is really an increase of only six per cent.

Despite explanations from administration officials, Students' Union president Dean Olmstead says students will protest the proposed rent increases.

Olmstead says he will meet with the Michener Park Tenants' Association tonight, and with other university tenants' associations later in the week.

"Reasonable rent increases can be justified, but some of the proposed increases are out of lead," Olmstead says.

# Ottawa students protest tuition

OTTAWA (CUP) — University of Ottawa students will stage their third mass boycott of classes Wednesday to protest tuition fee increases and also plan a fee boycott for the fall.

At a general assembly last week, more than 500 students pledged support for a student federation plan to Boycott the 7.5 per cent fee increase set for next fall.

After the general assembly, a group of students failed in an attempt to occupy the university registrar's office. Student protestors occupied the office in' a protest last month.

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#### Defoliant the serious problem

(ZNS) — Recent contamination by asbestos dust in an Arizona trailer park has brought to light a serious environment hazard that has existed in the area for decades, according to residents.

Federal and state officials recently suggested that residents leave the trailer park because of the health hazards caused by inhaling asbestos particles. The other residents claim a chemical defoliant called kudon is a far more serious contaminant and has been plaguing the area for decades.

The residents claim men and women in their 40 s and 50 s have been suffering from heart attacks, cancer, miscarriages and birth defects because of the chemical.

A lawsuit against the Dow Chemical Company was filed 10 years ago but the case has not yet been heard.

Charmion Mckusick, a resident of the trailer park, cannot understand the lack of concern over the chemical.

"Why all this hysteria over one little asbestos mill when they just wiped out people 10 years ago? No one cares about our problem. It's just crazy."

#### Stripper enrages students

HALIFAX (CUP) — Despite the cancellation of the Dalhousie engineers' "Stag and Stein" night, the battle against sexism on campus has just begun.

The engineers had originally scheduled a strip show but protest by human rights and women's groups on campus was responsible for its cancellation, according to some organizers.

And now the campus is up in arms over a recent party at the men's residence at which a stripper was raffled off.

Education professor Toni Laidlaw, was dismayed at the residents' behavious in view of the protest over the engineers' proposed bash.

"I'm just wondering why they did it. Weren't they aware of the whole question with the engineers?"

Laidlaw was one of the people behind the protest against the engineers' event.

"It exploits the women doing it and is a slap in the face of all -women," she said.

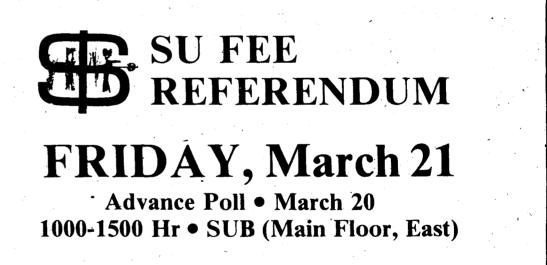
Christine Ball-MacKean, president of the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Organization, said the engineering society's desire to bring in the strippers reflects a larger problem of sexism at Dalhousie.

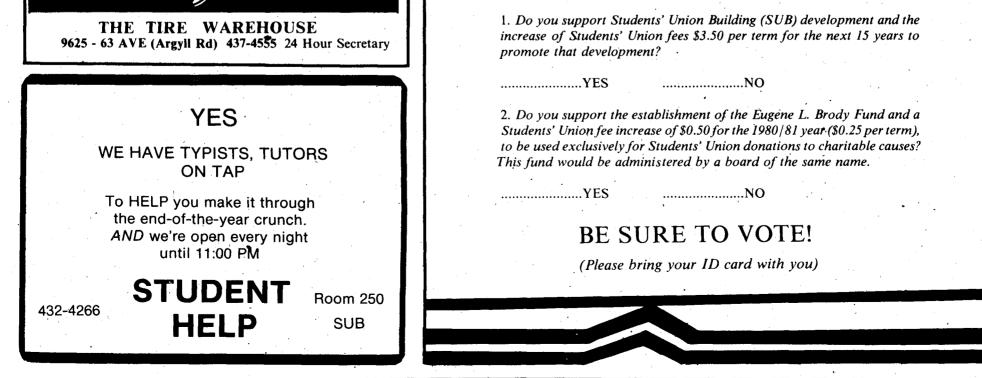
### Pastor gets a charge out of job

STOCKHOLM (CUP) — Pastor Kaarlo Toivio got a charge out of the holy water.

The 62 year-old pastor was electrocuted March 9 while baptizing new members into the Finnish Penetacostal Church.

Troivio was standing in a heated pool when an assistant handed him a microphone. A noise like an explosion followed and the pastor collasped, a church official said. Toivio died while being taken to a hospital.





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