

Ryerson students reject slave day

TORONTO (CUP) — Student complaints about the racist overtones of a "slave day" has led to its cancellation at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

The opposition to the fundraising event, which would allow students to hire other students as slaves for a day, arose shortly after the posters announcing "slave day" went up. "The signs said you could get a

slave for any price — barter for your slave, your slave can do thing you want, your slave can't run away," said Lawrence Fisher.

Fisher was one of several students to take his objections to Ryerson Student Council president Rosemary Teliatnik.

"I got about seven complaints within ten minutes," said Teliatnik. "I guess it opened a lot of wounds that haven't healed yet." Jason Presement, student com-

missioner of course unions and student groups at Ryerson, said he was surprised at the negative reaction.

"In this day and age I didn't think slavery was that big an issue and that people would have any problem with it."

Presement said he had already put three weeks into planning the day, which was to raise funds for the Hospital for Sick Children's burn unit. He said most

people who had been requested as slaves had agreed to cooperate.

"We would have raised between \$2,000 and \$3,000 from what I had so far," said Presement. "But three weeks' worth of work went down the drain because of one person's decision."

Presement said he was upset because Teliatnik decided to cancel the event the next day without consulting him.

Fisher, who is black, said he doesn't want people to think that the opposition to slave day is only a "black issue".

Fisher, a first-year photography student, said subtle forms of racism still exist at Ryerson, even though its population is very culturally diverse.

"One day in class I came in about five minutes late with my Walkman around my neck and the teacher asked me what kind of music I was listening to. I said jazz and he said, 'Why do you people listen to that kind of music?'"

Fisher said he had no objections to fundraising for a good cause but he hoped the student council could use a different theme next time.

"People died for me to be where I am today. Why should I mock it by being a slave for a day?"

El Salvador U. wants to rebuild

EDMONTON (CUP) — The University of El Salvador is seeking "sisterly support" from North American institutions to rebuild its campus.

Professors Luis Roberto Reyes and Elena Maribel Rosales of the University of El Salvador met with students and university officials at the University of Alberta recently to discuss the plight of the San Salvadoran institution.

In 1980, military forces stormed the university during the military coup, looting buildings, burning books, and destroying university property. The

institution was closed and many faculty members fled the country.

When military occupation of the university ended in 1984, administrators and faculty returned to deal with the estimated \$15 million Canadian in damages.

Reyes said the university received \$5 million in assistance from European governments at the time, which went toward building chemistry and physics laboratories.

In 1986, disaster struck the university again when an earthquake shook the campus, level-

ling 70 per cent of the buildings.

"After the earthquake," said Reyes, "we called it the university that wouldn't die."

Reyes said the El Salvadoran government is neither willing nor able to provide the funds required to rebuild the school.

"We are in a situation where we are forced to seek outside funding," he said.

"The U of A has not committed itself to any long-term or large-scale funding projects," said Fred Judson, an assistant professor of Political Science at the U of A.

Mount typewriters broken

HALIFAX (CUP) — Third-year public relations student Barry Deturbide totes his own typewriter to class because he says the machines at Mount Saint Vincent University are always broken.

The Mount's PR Department is behind all other universities in Canada in communications technology, according to assistant professor Judith Scrimger.

And the problem is money.

"You can't spend what you don't have," says Paul Reyno, director of university services. He says the university is ill-funded and can't afford to buy the equipment it needs.

A recent study of eight comparably-sized Maritime universities shows the Mount receives the smallest operating grant.

While Acadia University was awarded \$16,600,000 in 1985-86, the Mount was granted less than half that amount, according to Mary Morore Uhl, executive assistant to the Mount's president and funding liaison.

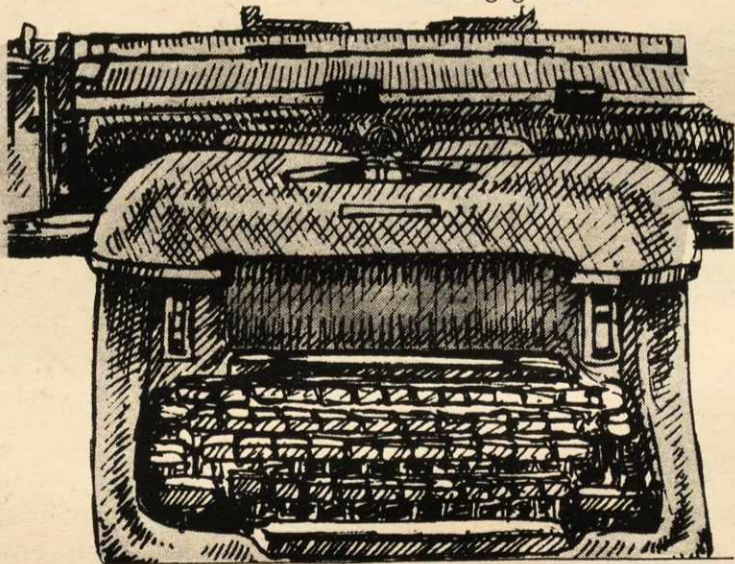
The university's PR students rely on the generosity of other departments for access to computers, professor Scrimger said. And the 96 students must share

portable video recorders and one editing unit.

A \$7.7 million communications building designed to alle-

viate some of the department's problems is scheduled for completion a year from now.

Says Reyno, "The problem is not being ignored."



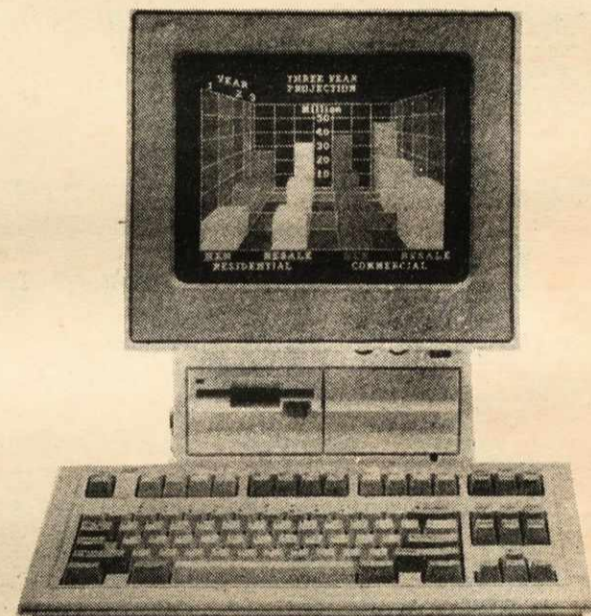
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