

GRAB-BAG!

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Excalibur is a member of the prestigious Canadian Community Newspapers Association. Grab Bag is an irregular feature in which we highlight some of the most poignant moments of our sister publications in small towns like ours across the land.

A goosing we will go

Murray McCrea and Garry Anderson left September 24 for goose hunting at Kyle. Murray's son, Jim, had won the goose hunting trip in a draw when he attended a Taxidermist school in Saskatoon, and gave it to his father.

Rotting potatoes

MCCORD—Sidney and Ellen Cheesman visited their daughter Kathi and Ken Stull and family at Hudson Bay. They brought home an abundance of vegetables. Because of the wet weather, potatoes were rotting in the ground.

Loiterers'n'skunks?

A Montague resident is fed up with youths loitering below her apartment window, and wants the RCMP or the town to do something about it.

The situation came to a head last Saturday when Miss MacLean found two broken beer bottles on her doorstep. There were about 10 people below her window and two cars parked on the side street with loud music blaring. She phoned the RCMP, who told her to address the matter to the mayor and council.

"My first skunk loved to go for rides in the half ton truck," he said, describing the animal scrambling into the truck, in a hurry not to miss the ride.

None of these pet skunks have been deodorized and Mr. Bigney feels that it is due to their diet which

excludes certain types of green matter. He feeds them mainly milk, eggs, cheese and a variety of regular 'people food.'

—Eastern Graphic
Montague, PEI

Weed bill burns woman

A Port Colborne woman is so upset with a bill she received from the city for cutting weeds on her property that she is threatening to send it to the province for them to deal with.

—Port Colborne News

Beer bottle battle

A 30-year-old Colborne Street man was arrested Saturday and charged with assaulting another man with a weapon, regional police report.

The charges stem from a disturbance at the man's home where he struck his victim with a beer bottle.

—Port Colborne News



Of cable, books, baseball, and King Kong Bundy

Are there any wives out there besides me who regret having cable television installed in their homes?

I was looking forward to having cable—I could watch all my favorite shows in crisp color, without having to worry whether the aerial was in the right position to catch the waves. Well, the cable works fine—no

problem there. And we do have a larger choice of channels.

However, since we have had cable installed, I have spent more time reading book after book than watching the box.

And what has caused this interesting phenomenon?

Well, along with the extra shows and movies I can see, there are also now twice as many channels broadcasting hockey, baseball and football!

Baseball, I admit, I like, especially right now. Hockey I can handle. But football!

I'm outnumbered, though. Even the cat likes football games!

And that's just the half of it. Along with football is another activity which I hesitate to mention under the title "sports." I won't even lower myself to feel any emotion at all about this pastime—I just try to ignore it, pretend it doesn't exist.

This activity is gaining in popularity—I found to my horror on Saturday morning that there is even a cartoon featured after some of the participants.

Pop stars are becoming involved in it in managerial roles, and it is bringing in packed audiences to its performances or to bars which feature close-circuit televisions.

Wrestling has got to be the most horrible activity on television. Some people say it is fake—a lot of it has to be, if King Kong Bundy (is that how you spell it?) every body-slammed someone, I'm sure he'd break every bone in the recipient's body!

Whether it's fake or not, it's a ridiculous "sport," even worse than boxing, and it can start in our house anywhere from before lunch and can be seen until late in the evening.

Who's bright idea was it to get cable, anyway?

—Milverton Sun

OTHER Campuses

By PETER BECKER

Rush sex for dry frats

An alternative vice sought. Syracuse University fraternities are turning to sex to attract pledges now that the University has imposed a dry rush rule.

This fall, Beta Pheta Pi hired a stripper for rush entertainment. Alpha Tau Omega sponsored a night of jello wrestling and Sigma Alpha Mu held a "corn and porn" night.

As one fraternity member put it, "We wanted to appeal to the only other interest on 18-22 year-old minds besides beer."

—Syracuse University

Ring in registration

Don't hang up now. Touch-tone telephone registration, on experiment last fall, was a big success at Brigham Young University. The 20,000 students who used the innovative registration system cited ease and immediate confirmation of classes as its chief advantages.

BYU administrators and faculty say the system makes it easier to adjust course offerings to student demands. The results showed a 40% decrease in the number of adds and drops after the first day of classes.

—Brigham Young University

Gimme Faulkner, hold the mayo

Hurry up and learn. A one-hour study limit has been imposed by a restaurant near the University of Kansas campus.

Over the years, the restaurant has become one of the most popular off-campus study spots, but as one restaurant employee puts it, "We're not a library, we're a restaurant... here to make money."

There have been some complaints,

but so far the restrictions seem to be working.

—University of Kansas

Cornell rocks against right

Rock against Racism was the theme of a free concert featuring political music at Cornell University. Sponsored by the Progressive Youth Network, the program was dedicated to "all right-wing fascists everywhere without whose provocation this would not have been necessary."

—Cornell University

Church tackles sex at Yale

Try it, you'll like it. I think. Sex at Yale is "much confused, frequently practiced, and too often confusing," according to the Yale Student Committee on Sexuality. The Yale Chaplain's Office is now distributing, to freshmen, a six-page pamphlet, "Sexuality at Yale: A Religious Perspective." The booklet is designed to stimulate discussion of the value issues of sexuality, it's not a list of do's and don'ts, they say.

—Yale University

Miami puts vise on excuse notes

Going to miss class? Well, the infirmary at the University of Florida wants no excuses since the staff there writes more than 10,000 excuses a year for students who miss classes.

The Student Health Services Director complains that it wastes staff time and creates a mountain of paperwork.

She also says her staff is not meant to police students and decide whether they are too ill to attend class, and that she wonders "if a note for a 20-year-old is really appropriate."

—University of Florida, Miami

This Hallowe'en what are you going to be?



Seymour People
Will turn into Remington Steele!



Ima Blahdom
Strives to be receptionist at WKRP.



Les Apt
Secretly desires to be a brain surgeon.



Bessie Utter
She'll wear the Dairy Princess's crown.



Floyd Wiener
Assumes an exotic dancer's identity.



Ruth Righteous
Changes into a seductive French maid.

Set your fantasy free at



So come and join in the Hallowe'en festivities on Thursday October 31

Yorkdale Shopping Centre 3401 Dufferin North 789-1823

ARE YOU FEELING USED UP?



Take this simple test and find out:

- Is the most exercise you get these days picking up and dropping courses?
- Have you discovered that your bookstore bill resembles the national debt of a small country?
- Do you find yourself hanging out among the Scott stacks in the faint hope of meeting new people?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you need to go to the JSF "Mazel Tov Blue Jays" Dance.

The JSF "Mazel Tov Blue Jays" Dance

Saturday, October 26

8:30 p.m.

Beth Shalom Synagogue

1445 Eglinton Avenue West

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance; \$6.00 at the door.

INFO: JSF Office - 667-3647

Bring or wear Blue Jays memorabilia and get a free beverage