

# National Notes

## Godzilla anti-nuke

TOKYO (ZNS) — Godzilla, the Japanese movie monster that first stomped across the film screen 25 years ago, is making a comeback next year in Japan as the hero of a nuclear power plant accident.

Toho Motion Pictures in Tokyo reports it is in the middle of scriptwriting for a new Godzilla film which is described as, "a serious film, just like the first movie, which was a reaction to uncontrolled atomic bomb testing in the atmosphere."

The film, the motion picture company says, is a response to a renewed interest in Godzilla memorabilia brought on by a growing fear in Japan of nuclear power. Some \$4.5 million of Godzilla toys were sold in the past four years in Japan, with books and other memorabilia on the famous atomic monster also reportedly selling well.

## Dristan - you really blew it

QUEBEC CITY (CUP) — Researchers at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Universite Laval are working on a contraceptive that promises to be simpler to use than a condom and more effective than the Pill, with fewer side effects.

It's a contraceptive nose spray.

The contraceptive is a synthetic hormone which is said to substantially reduce the formation of sex hormones in men and women. The researchers hope that this new method will be 100 per cent effective, with fewer side effects than current birth control pills.

But Dr. Fernand Labrie, director of the centre's Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory, said the spray won't be on the market for at least five years.

## Tories say students distort facts

GUELPH (CUP) — Ontario's Young Progressive Conservatives will meet in early October with the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) to discuss the PCs' allegations that the OFS is on an "anti-government campaign."

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA) claims the OFS is distorting facts and creating an anti-student resentment among the public over the issues of student aid and university funding.

OFS chairperson Chris McKillop denies the organization's stand is "anti-government".

"Sure we're against the government policies in terms of restraint and the quality of education but isn't that part of the democratic process?" she asked.

The closed meeting will be attended by four OFS representatives and four members of OPCCA.

The OFS stand against funding cutbacks is based on its platform that education should be accessible to all that quality should be maintained, through adequate funding of post-secondary education institutes and autonomy.

OFS has been using the statistics of the Conservative government to show that underfunding is starting to hurt universities and colleges, especially those in Northern Ontario.

Education minister Bette Stephenson has said that no one has proved to her that there's a correlation between funding of the education system and the quality of education.

As well as agreeing to meet with the Young Tories, the OFS has decided to invite the Young Liberal and NDP associations to hold meetings with them as well.

## Space free for clubs

Free space in SUB is once again available to university groups and clubs.

Last year, university administration decided to charge rent to student and staff groups using SUB meeting rooms. However, a motion by former vp internal Kaysi Eastlick protesting the university proposal resulted in a review of the university policy by the Campus Planning and Development Committee (CPDC). The policy review was also supported by letters of protest from student groups.

This May a sub-committee of the CPDC recommended to the Board of Governors that student groups not be required to cover rental costs except for a damage deposit.

University administration accepted the recommendation stipulating that, for "special circumstances" a damage deposit of \$100 would be required of the student groups when food and beverages are served. For non-university groups, a fee determined by the CPDC would be reviewed annually and a \$100 damage deposit requested under "special circumstances."

Although rent regulations had been in effect for five years, the 1973 decision was not enforced. The university administration decided to enforce the policy in 1979 because of rising costs and government cutbacks.

## Funds committee

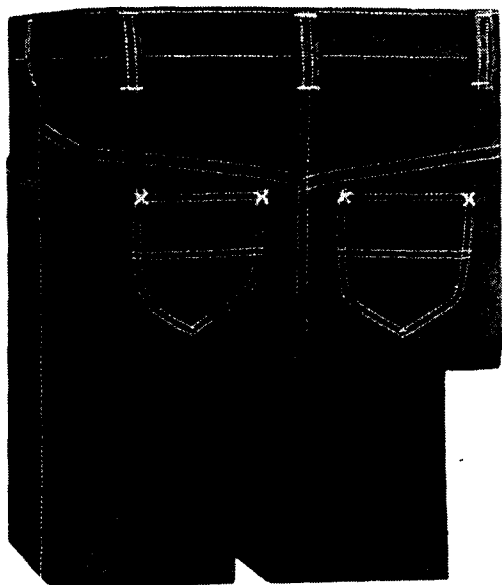
Tired of having to race for a seat in your 8:00 a.m. class? or not being able to obtain a periodical from the library?

These problems are the direct result of inadequate government funding of universities, says Tema Frank, SU vp external.

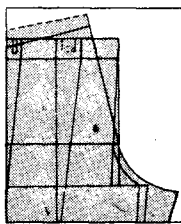
"This forces the university to cut back on the services and programs it offers. The overall effect is a decrease in the quality of education," says Frank.

To voice student concerns on this subject, the Committee on Inadequate Funding (CIF) was formed. The CIF replaces the Committee on Tuition Increases and Cutbacks (COTIAC) which was terminated earlier this year.

The first meeting of the committee will be held Thursday, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2705 of the Students' Union Building.



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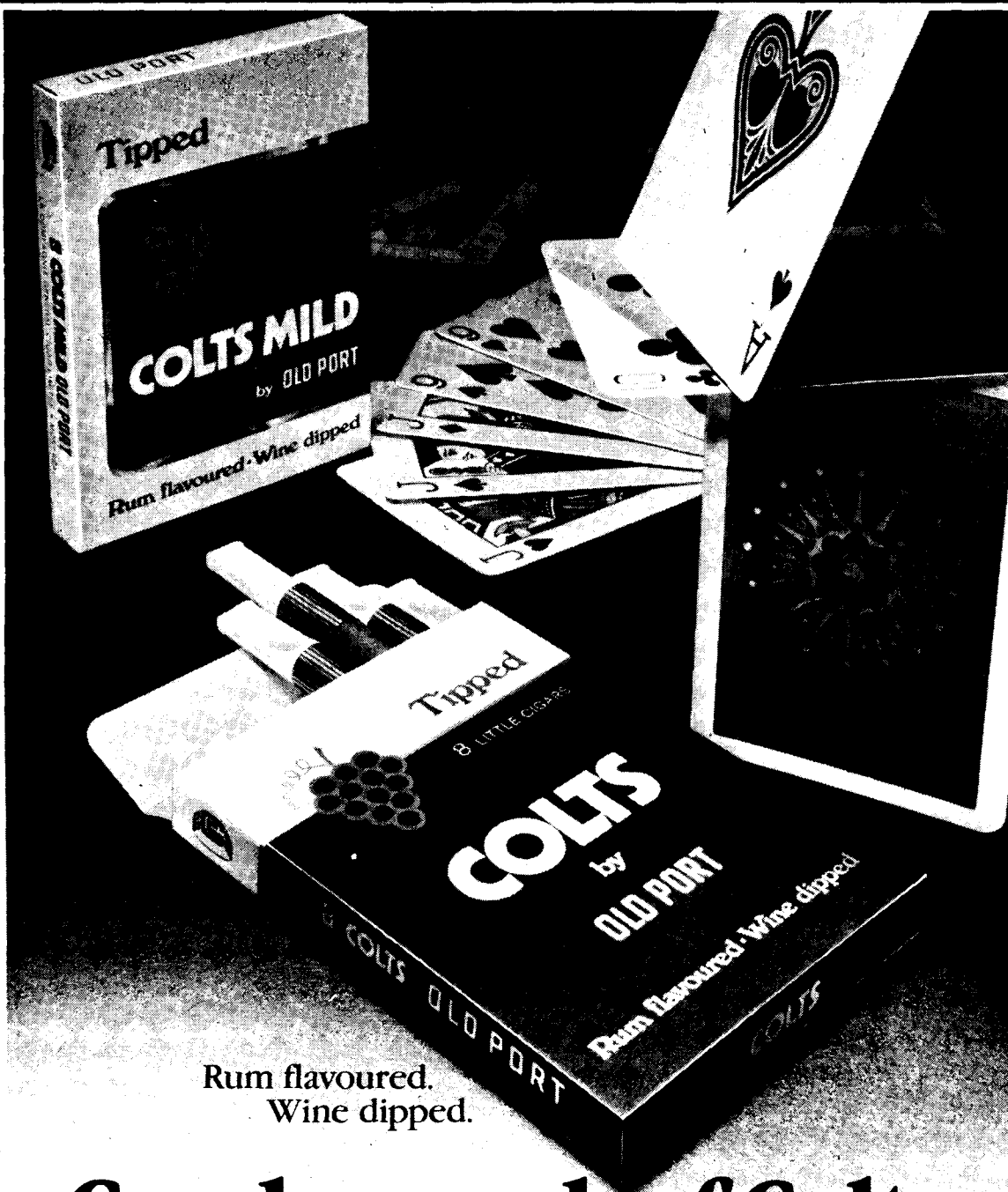
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