

Night evacuation of Kelsey

Smoke billowing from Kelsey Hall set off smoke detectors and forced a late night evacuation of the student residence Sunday night. The fire department responded in minutes to the alarm, which saw over 600 students turned out in the cold in the middle of the night. However, the "fire" was determined to be a pan of burnt

popcorn smouldering on the ninth floor of Kelsey Hall.

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qualify as a CA a student must now article with an accounting firm for three years instead of the previous two-year period.

Increased industrial demand for accountants also makes articling less attractive, she says. Many students prefer the \$1,300-\$1,400 monthly salary in industry to articling positions paying \$950-1,050 per month, according to Perkins.

The commerce faculty's quota system may also be contributing to the problem, Perkins says. The faculty rejected 237 of 459 applicants to commerce last year, although all the applicants achieved the required 60 per cent average in high school.

Only 210 students will be admitted to commerce next year because of the quota. "None of this is based on definite fact," Perkins says, "but the industry is concerned."

Election, from page 1

Darvill is Women's Athletics president.

VP Athletics for men is Frank Salverda. No one was nominated for the Women's VP Athletics. Nominations for this position will be re-opened at a later date.

National Notes

Hotel British Columbia

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia is considering a plan to turn one of its residences into an on-campus hotel.

UBC housing director Mike Davis said Jan. 23 that a hotel, which could be operating as soon as September, would generate money to pay for a proposed \$8 to \$10 million residence renovation scheme.

Davis said the low-rise residence is not being used for the purpose it was built for, housing for married students, and said it should therefore be phased out as a student residence.

Davis said the hotel could be used to provide accommodation or visiting lecturers, government researchers, professor recruitment programs, friends and relatives of patients in the UBC hospitals, health science and continuing education seminars and real estate workshops.

But some students living in the residences are strongly opposed to Davis' plan for a UBC Hilton. A residence community council vice-president said the university has no right to convert the low-rise to a hotel.

"I think it stinks. This place isn't meant for a hotel," Alison Hughes said.

Students can vote where they live

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto residence students have been incorrectly told by an Elections Canada official that voting in the U of Toronto riding could land them in jail for up to 14 years.

A guide to student voting put out by the chief electoral officer states that residence students who consider themselves to be "on their own" may vote in the riding the university residence is located in.

But Spadina riding returning officer Leslie Singer said Jan. 23 that only residence students who have "no parents, no guardians or who have severed all ties and never intend to go home" will be able to vote in the riding. Singer claimed other residence students must vote in the riding of their "ordinary residence," meaning the riding their parents or guardians live in.

Singer said students have two options: "To tell the truth and vote where they're supposed to or lie and vote where they feel like. Students caught lying are liable to 14 years in jail."

But, fortunately for residence students worried about doing time for giving Joe, Ed or Pierre the nod, the electoral office does not agree with Singer's interpretation of the regulations.

Elections Canada communication director Maurice Olivier says students living in residence can vote in their university or college riding.

"If the student feels he should vote in the riding of his (university) residence it's the student's decision, not the returning officer's decision," Olivier said, adding that information explaining the regulations had gone out to returning officers.

Liberals on top at U of T

TORONTO (CUP) — An informal poll of students at the University of Toronto shows the Liberal Party as the front runner in the Feb. 18 election, followed by the New Democratic Party, with the Conservatives trailing.

The poll of 500 students had the Liberals with 37.4 per cent of the student vote, the NDP with 21.4, and the Tories with 19.2 per cent. Undecided voters accounted for 15.6 per cent of the total.

The poll, conducted by the U of T student newspaper, *The Varsity*, also showed the Rhinoceros Party charging into the election with the support of three per cent of the students, closely followed by students with more subtle anarchistic tendencies — those who will not vote at all — who accounted for two per cent. Many students made a general comment that the outcome of the election makes no difference anyway and several said they wished to vote for one party but the party's candidate in their riding is not impressive.

The negative vote factor also assumed importance in the students' minds, with comments such as "I'll vote for anyone but Clark" and "Trudeau is the lesser of three evils" commonplace.

Engineers support Godiva ride

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia's engineering students held a precedent setting vote on the annual Lady Godiva Ride Jan. 22.

The 90 per cent vote in favour of the engineers' most controversial annual stunt surprised no one but applied sciences dean Martin Wedepohl's participation as returning officer is raising some eyebrows.

Some see his actions as giving the ride a legitimacy it has never previously enjoyed.

And the fight to stop the ride is gaining momentum, women's studies director Lorette Woolsey said Jan. 23.

And she said the ride is an influence keeping women from entering the engineering faculty at UBC. "I think one could question whether a woman with talents in engineering would want to enter the faculty. It's a lot deeper than the Lady Godiva Ride."

But engineering undergraduate president Russ Kinghorn said the tradition is carried on because "it makes life interesting". Kinghorn denies that the ride has any sexist connotations. "Maybe it does in some peoples' minds but it doesn't in general. A few people feel a little burned and that's the reason they've spread it. I don't think it's a real issue."

In addition to the womens groups opposed to the ride, professional engineers are critical of the tradition.

An editorial in the current edition of the *B.C. Professional Engineer* condemns the EUS's aggressively hostile attitude toward women.

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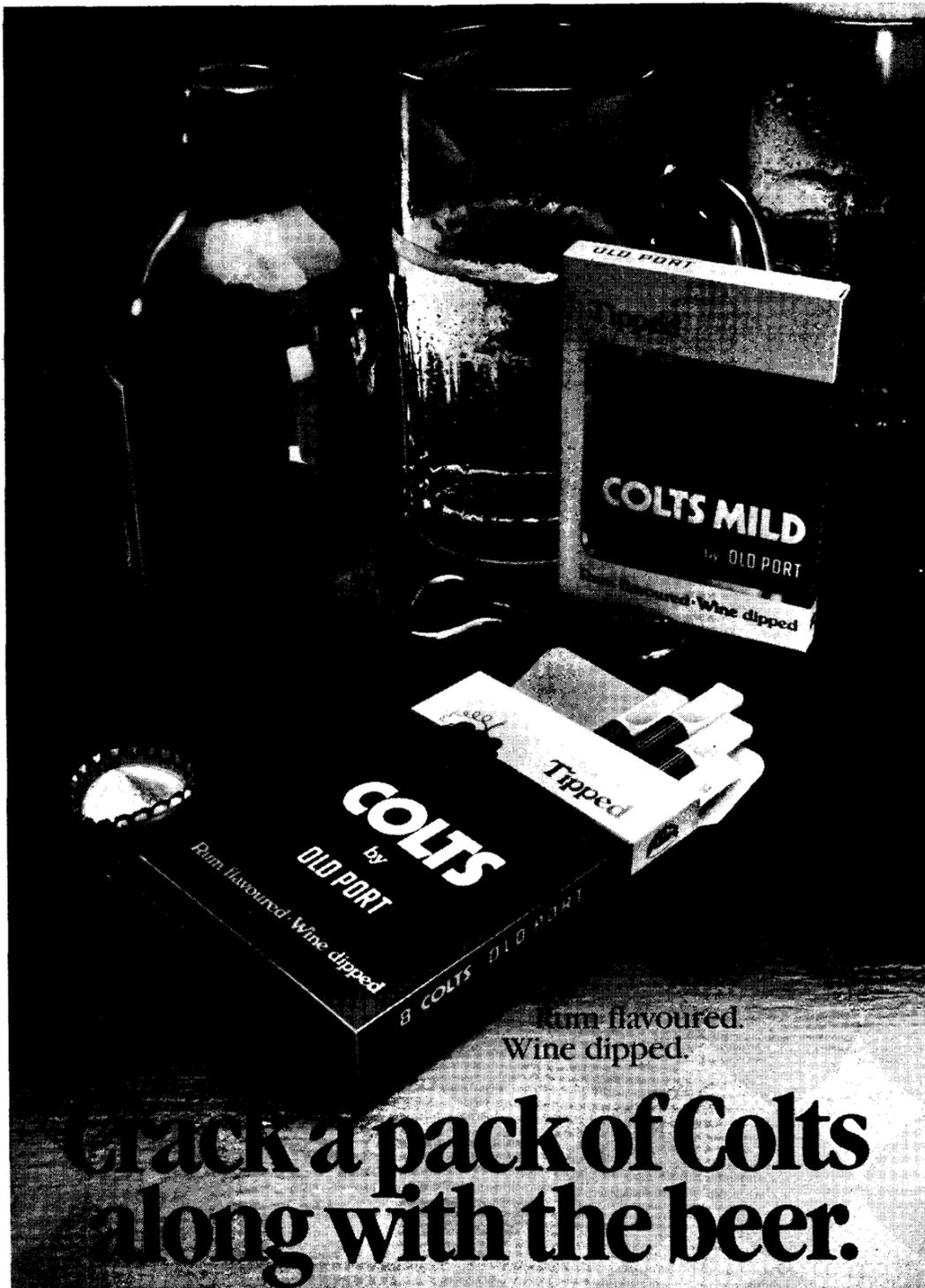
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