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by Lydia Torrance

There won't be any column this week because I'm sick and in the infirmary. I wanted to tell you all about Sister Gertrude and her heart-breaking tribulations trying to finish her inspiring book *Sprinter of God: Modes of Conflict in the Writings and Biography of Saint Sophronisba of Albania, Notes toward a Definitive Biography, with Patristic Parallels and a Translation of Saint Casbah from the Coptic*.

But I just don't have the strength. That little minx Lucreesh - I came in from studying the other night, I have to write my term paper in Costumes and Design on "Folkcostumes of Carpathia since the Industrial Revolution," and it's really been hard finding things on them, I've been to funny little rooms in that library you wouldn't believe. Actually they dress a lot like the peasants in Ruritania and Eastern Bulgaria it turns out, only the women wear their ceremonial sash on the left side instead of the right, and the book said that somber hues predominate at childbirth and circumcision rites. I got pictures too.

So I was coming back from all this and Lucreesh, because she's still mad at me, she rigged up this bucket of water over the door. And I came in the room and - slosh! I'm absolutely soaked! And all my costume books and my xeroxes that are so expensive now. And there's Lucreesh lying on her bed in her tangerine nightgown and without batting an eye she leans over and puts the needle on her record of "Loretta Lynn

Live! At the Cecil" and Loretta Lynn starts singing "Into Each Life a Little Rain Must Fall," a song I used to like. So I went up to Miss Slyboots hopping mad, I admit it, who wouldn't be? and said: "Just what do you think you're doing?" She looks up at me cool as a cucumber and says "Why honey it's just initiation, we didn't think you'd want special treatment just because you're a little bit older." Then she went down the hall to play Fish.

Well the next morning I had a cough and a bad cold, and it feels like influenza now. I'm in the infirmary drinking lots of juices and trying to read my books while my roommate watches "The Storm Within" on TV. It's just a silly soap opera, and I can't read with all that noise, all these ladies saying "Rachel there's something I've got to tell you," so I finally said to this girl "Aren't you worried about missing classes?" but she just smiled at me and said "Oh I always catch up somehow."

I'm trying to finish my paper now, but I can't remember why the Carpathians exchange new shoes at the Festival of the Goat, and my xeroxes ran so I can't tell if the blouses really have piping or are just streaked. But I did find out the Carpathians didn't even have any "industrial" revolution. They dress now just like they did hundreds of years ago, sort of plain and unattractive, and they didn't really have fashions, so why we're bothering with them I just don't know this week.

Rapists-"overcome by passion"

MONTREAL (CUP) - The stereotype of the rapist as "some maniac lurking in the alley" was debunked by authors Kathleen Thompson and Andrea Madea at Canada's first rape symposium at McGill University.

A more accurate scenario, they said, would be, "A young woman student at a mid-western university is raped at two o'clock in the afternoon in an empty office building by a married lecturer of about 30."

In research for their book, *Against Rape*, women surveyed said they were raped by someone they knew.

"It wasn't a sexual crime ... it didn't happen when the man was overcome with passion. His mood was usually described as calm, hostile or righteous. Not one described a man who was overcome by lust," the authors said.

They pointed out that psychiatrists have found no real

difference between the average man and the rapist other than that the rapist finds it easier to express anger.

Thompson said the basic feminist thesis on rape is that it is a natural outgrowth of sexual roles in society, rather than an isolated deviant act.

She said rapists "do not see these women as being like themselves, like their buddies. They see them as objects. You can't humiliate an object. You can't crush the spirit of an object, you can only use it."

The co-authors say the image of women in society must be changed to get rid of rape.

"There once was a time when American women were helping to build the frontier. There once was an image of the attractive American woman that was different from the one that now exists. She was strong. She was independent. She was capable.

Moot competition winner

Holly Weih, a second-year student in the Faculty of Law, was the winner in last weekend's Edmonton Bar Association Moot Court competition.

Weih competed against 17 other second-year students in the competitions, held in the moot court room of the Law Centre Saturday, Oct. 30.

The competitions, which involve presentation of oral arguments on hypothetical legal cases, were open to second year law students who had been recommended by faculty advisors on the basis of outstanding performance in their first-year compulsory moot court programs.

Another moot court competition open to third-year students will begin Nov. 9 at 7:15

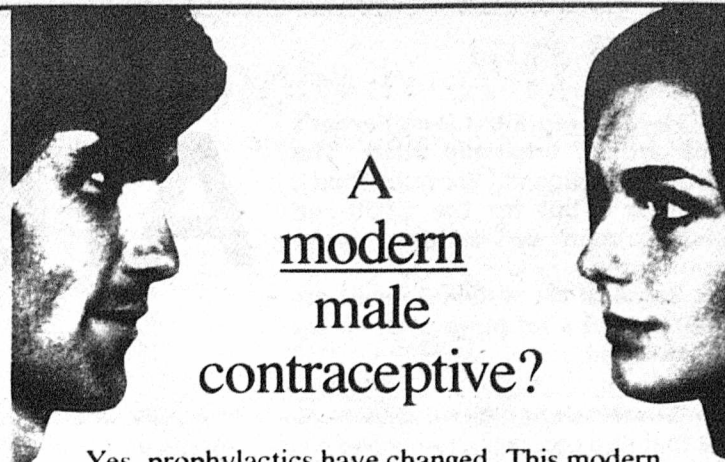
p.m. in the Law Centre's moot courtroom.

It will be the first round in the Clinton J. Ford Moot Court competitions. Four winners will be selected from the first round. These winners will be split into two teams of two students who will compete in the January finals of the competition.

Western withdraws

LONDON (CUP) - Students at the University of Western Ontario voted narrowly to cease membership in the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) Oct. 27.

A 22 per cent voter turnout decided 1821-1656 against continued participation in the provincial student organization which it helped found in 1972.



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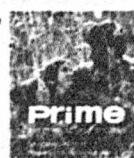


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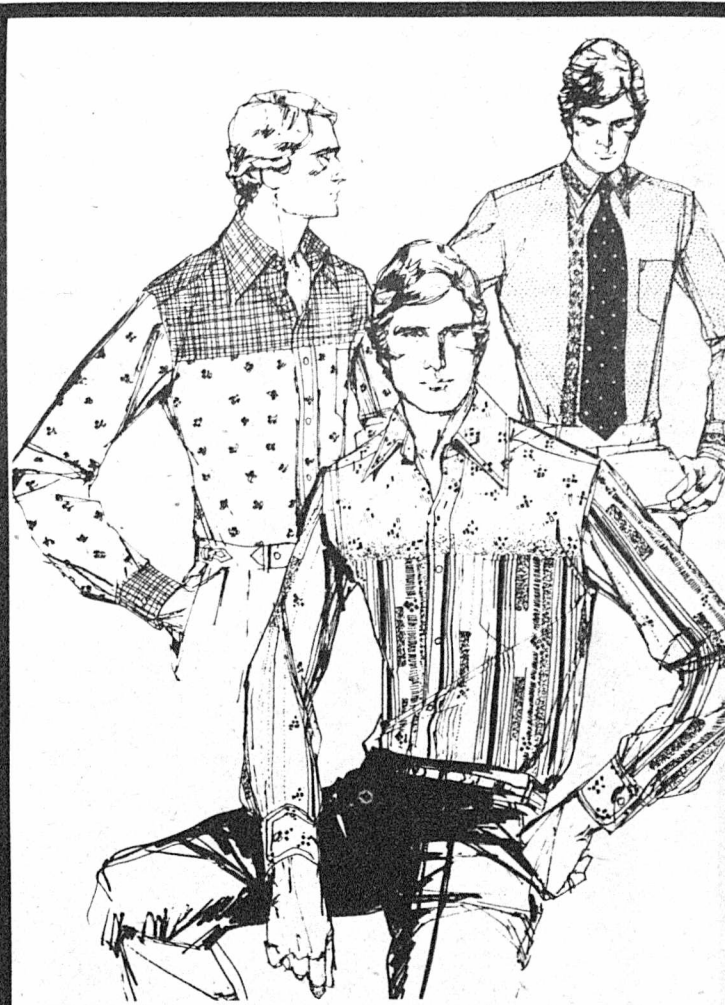


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