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The Great Pizza Mouse

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OTTAWA (CUP) - Amidst the pamphleteers, banner holders, union-song singers, police, television cameras, reporters and startled restaurant staff sat a couple who had innocently come to eat lunch at the Mayflower.

They were especially dis-concerted when a well-groomed young man stood up and said an occupation was taking place. Cameras zoomed in on Mike Hurley as he berated the Mayflower's owners, who also own the strike-bound Mill restaurant, for mistreating its employees.

The couple reacted with discomfort, resentment, mild amusement, and then shock as they learned the reasons for the interruption of their lunch.

"That's horrible," gasped the woman when she learned the young people who worked at the Mill are paid \$3 an hour, must turn over a percentage of their tips to the owner, must be on-call seven days a week, must buy \$325 uniforms from the owner and receive no benefits or pensions.

"But there's more to their strike," said Hurley, chair of the Strike Support Committee for the Ottawa and District Labor Council. "The fundamental reason the Mill workers are on strike is they want to be treated with dignity and respect from their employer

of 20 uninvolved lunch-eaters in the Mayflower shuffled out with the rest of the crowd. They were replaced by three women who asked the sheepish young man serving them what the commotion was about.

He nervously looked over his shoulder and said, "This restaurant's owned by the same people who own the Mill, where the workers have been on strike eight weeks." He lowered his voice. "They don't want you to eat here.

DINWOUDIE

and USS

Pizza

Dave Koch wants to raise the profile of his club.

His club is the Undergraduate Science Society (USS) and he will raise its profile by holding The Great Pizza Challenge as part of Arts/Science Week.

The Challenge will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge from 12:00 to 1:30 on Friday, Proceeds will go to Santa's Anonymous.

The Challenge will determine who makes the best pizza in Edmonton. Celebraties like "Lawrence Decore, Julian Koziak, Nick Lees, Percy Wickman and Olivia Butti are interested in judging the pizza," said Koch.

But what does the USS get out of the deal? "We're not gaining financially but because we are a establish ourselves. The Pizza Challenge is the perfect vehicle to do this," said Koch.

Tickets are \$3.75 for which you' receive half of a ten-inch pizza and a Pepsi.

"We're hoping to sell between 500 and 550 tickets," said Koch.

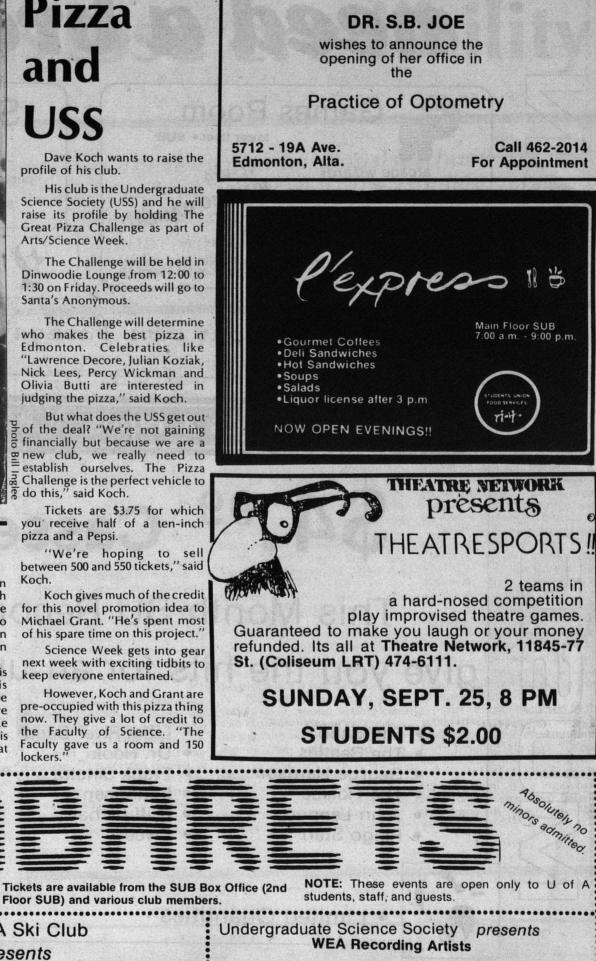
Koch gives much of the credit for this novel promotion idea to Michael Grant. "He's spent most of his spare time on this project."

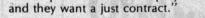
Science Week gets into gear next week with exciting tidbits to keep everyone entertained.

However, Koch and Grant are pre-occupied with this pizza thing now. They give a lot of credit to the Faculty of Science. "The Faculty gave us a room and 150 lockers

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Mill workers have picketed the restaurant since July 22, and the labor council started a boycott of owner Murray Macey's eight other Ottawa restaurants Aug. 12. Management has so far refused to negotiate, but Hurley said pressure for a fair contract will continue to increase. He said the Sept. 13 Mayflower occupation, where 45 strike supporters walked in during lunch hour and ordered only coffee, was just part of an

increased battle strategy. "It's been a fun way to spend lunch hour," Hurley said to cheering occupiers, "and there's a lot of other restaurants in this chain so we'll be having a lot more fun lunch hours."

Police were called in, and asked the occupiers to leave shortly before 1 p.m. They complied, and left large tips for the restaurant's employees.

The bewildered couple, two

