

Kitten killers on trial

By CARMEN MISNER

Two students from St. Mary's University have been charged by the Halifax Provincial Court of "wilfully injuring a kitten."

Stephen D. Stokes, an eighteen year old freshman, and a seventeen year old whose

name has not been released are responsible for the act. It is alleged, that the two students purchased the kitten from a pet store, it returned to their residence (on campus) where they proceeded to shave it's hair off and write the word "Gid" on its skin with liquid paper. It is further alleged

that the kitten had been given hashish, but this rumour was found to be unfounded. The students finally ended the ordeal by throwing the kitten out of their window, where it fell to the pavement below, subsequently dying.

In quick response, the two were kicked out of residence

and a meeting date has been set by the powers that be, to decide their future if any, at St. Mary's University. For now, they have been put on academic probation.

Stokes, the eldest of the two was represented in court on Tuesday by his lawyer who entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of "wilfully injuring a kitten." A trial date for Stokes has been set for November 23, in the Halifax Provincial Court. The seventeen year old student was to

appear in court yesterday, but results were not available at the news deadline. His name is being withheld because he qualifies for the young offenders act, and is thus protected to a certain extent by the act.

It is not known whether the action was one provoked by drunkenness, or just mindless cruelty, but whatever the reason, the two will have to answer to the long arm of the law for their actions.

Math professor dies

Dr. Stefan Rinco, 47, a professor in the department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, died on Oct. 25 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital.

Dr. Rinco was born in Dobšina, Czechoslovakia. He received his early university training at Comenius University in Bratislava, while working as an assistant lecturer in the mathematics department. He graduated in 1962 with a master of science degree in mathematics.

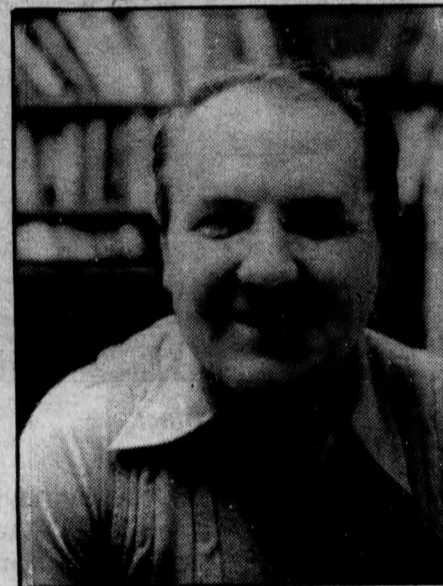
Following two years of military service, during which he taught mathematics at a military college, he returned to Comenius University as an assistant professor of mathematics, specializing in statistics.

When the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia in August 1968, Dr. Rinco made plans to leave the country. He came to Canada in 1969 and enrolled in the PhD program at the University of Western Ontario. While pursuing his studies he continued his teaching activity, working as a

tutor and marker. He received a doctorate in mathematics in 1973.

Dr. Rinco joined the department of mathematics at UNB in 1974 as an assistant professor and rose through the academic ranks, becoming associate professor in 1977 and full professor in 1985 to June 30, 1987.

In his time at UNB Dr. Rinco served on numerous departmental and university committees and supervised the work of many graduate students. He



Dr. Stefan Rinco

was the author of great many papers in his chosen field of mathematical statistics and probability, and was both widely published and well travelled as an internationally respected scholar.

His personal life was filled with his family, work for St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church and the Fredericton Youth Soccer program - all approached with a quiet but keen sense of humor. In recent years, through the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, he rediscovered a love for the musical stage which had first attracted him as a youth in Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Rinco is survived by his wife, Valeria; his daughter, Olga; two sons, Peter Vladimir; and his mother, one sister and two brothers in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

The department of mathematics and statistics has established a prize in Dr. Rinco's name. Donations may be made through the UNB Development Office in Fredericton.



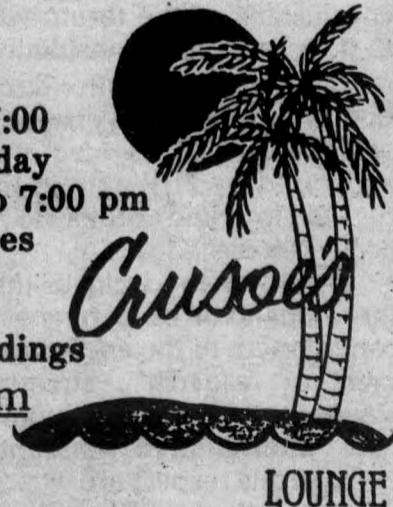
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