

## Searching of res rooms illegal?

DENVER (CPS-CUP) - Even though a Michigan court ruled last year that dorm rooms are constitutionally protected against arbitrary searches by university security officers, most American students who live in dorms are still subject to searches by college officials armed with internal search warrants.

The legality of these university - issued search warrants has not been tested in the courts, but many schools are beginning to scrutinize more carefully their own search and seizure policies in light of the Michigan ruling which gave rooms the same Fourth Amendment protections as an adult's "home, dwelling or lodgings."

The Michigan case involved the entry and search of the dorm rooms of two students at Grand Valley State Colleges. The searches were conducted without warrants and no consent had been given. During the searches, marijuana was found in the students' rooms and the university judiciary council suspended the two for one term.

Current search and seizure policy at most universities gives security officers or housing officials the right to enter a student's room without notice if there is "reasonable cause" or "just cause" to be suspicious that the room is being used for the purpose of violating university rules.

In some cases, search warrants are issued if another student, faculty member or staff member suspects that stolen property is in a student's dorm room. At Legish University in

Pennsylvania, the person with the complaint must obtain a "dean's warrant" which gives them the right to enter and search a student's room and seize the stolen property if they find it.

The Delaware attorney general's office has begun an investigation into the search and seizure policies at the

University of Delaware where dean's warrants are available when someone has "reasonable cause" to believe University rules have been broken. Attorney General Richard Wier said he thinks the dean's warrant is a "blanket warrant (which) may not comport with the Fourth Amendment."

## Demonstration against freeze

The Alberta Federation of Labour is sponsoring a demonstration at the Legislature on March 22 protesting the federal government's wage freeze program and the provincial government's involvement in it.

The demonstration, which will begin at 2:00 p.m., will be held in conjunction with a national protest in Ottawa on that date when the Canadian Labour Congress presents its annual brief to the federal cabinet. Other provincial federations are also planning protest actions at the same time. Reg Basken, AFL President, told a Thursday morning news conference.

"The issue here is the death of the collective bargaining system," he said, and the government made a serious

miscalculation if they thought the labour movement would quietly acquiesce in its own destruction.

"The whole package is ridiculous and now the Anti-Inflation Board has given us the first indication in five months how it will handle price increases - it will allow them. Prices are going to keep rising, but the wages of our members and unorganized workers are not going to be allowed to keep pace," he added.

Basken also noted that between 1971 and 1974, corporate profits rose 110 percent and labour's share of the national income dropped.

"When the corporations didn't need an incomes policy to keep their profits growing, the government saw no need to implement controls," he commented.

"But when corporate profits started to sag, the government stepped in and froze our wages - froze them so that corporations could use government policy to subsidize their profit positions."

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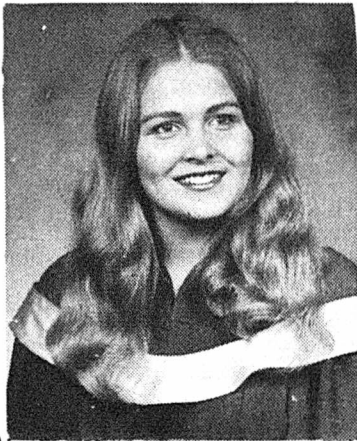
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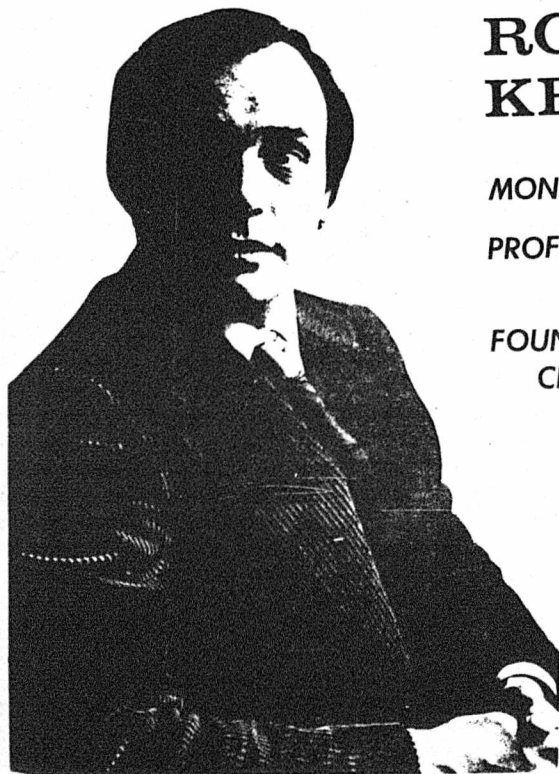
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