

# Ken Taylor speaks at King's College



By Paul Creelman

Ken Taylor, the Canadian diplomat who smuggled six Americans out of Iran, spoke at King's College last Friday.

Taylor gave an absorbing hour long lecture for a contemporary history class, and then a press conference with his wife, Pat Taylor.

The hall for the history lecture was packed full of people who wanted to hear Taylor. In a warm and at times humorous style, Taylor recounted the events which led up to his escape from Tehran with the six Americans. After a luncheon with administration officials, he returned for an hour-long press conference.

During the press conference, Taylor deftly fielded tricky questions posed by the numerous journalism students

present. When asked whether he thought the publicizing of the Iranian incident was a good thing, Taylor replied:

"Well, at least it's provided me with many hours of travelling and lectures across the country."

He also addressed himself to a number of questions of journalistic ethics for the benefit of his audience.

Pat Taylor, who was an expert virologist in the Iranian university system, gave an articulate and graphic account of the effects of the Iranian revolution in the school system. She also described

the imposition of Islamic censorship on all levels of education in Iran.

Taylor made a strong statement concerning the value of diplomacy in international politics today:

"I think that the Iranian crisis raises very serious doubts about the value of diplomacy in the world today. I think that the removal of diplomatic immunity has very bad implications for business, trade, all commerce in general, as well as for government negotiations. Once you remove the sanctuary of the embassy from a foreign coun-

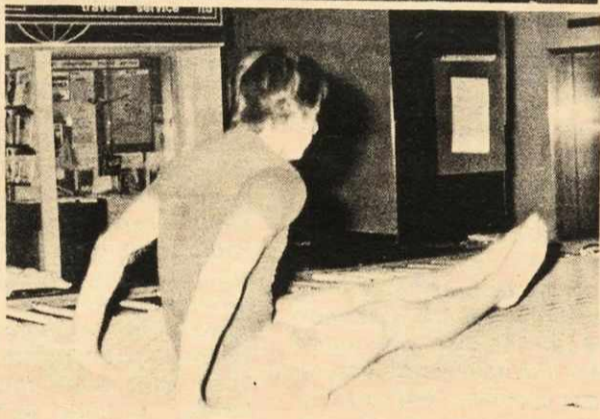
try, it leaves you without much of a strong basis to deal or negotiate."

Taylor also said that the Iranian crisis has made every diplomat a little more vulnerable to the internal affairs of a foreign country.

"A diplomat can no longer afford to maintain a position of neutrality, because he can't help wondering if he's not going to be the next hostage," says Taylor.

The press conference was then brought to a close with a few concluding remarks from all concerned.

## "Trampers" bounce for fun and charity



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The members of Sigma Chi bounced on a trampoline for 24 hours last Thursday in an attempt to raise \$1,000 for Multiple Sclerosis.

The Tramp-A-Thon was held in the Sub lobby from Thursday to Friday noon, with the "trampers" working in shifts of five to ten minutes each.

All proceeds from the effort go to the Halifax branch of MS, which was chosen as a small yet active organization which would need even small donations. It is Sigma Chi's third year doing the Tramp-A-Thon for MS, and although a final figure is not available the figure has increased each year and was hopefully projected at \$1,000 for this year.

The male undergraduate fraternity raises its own funds through open house parties and other projects.

While charity functions are a means of promoting its aims of community spirit and brotherhood, as well as having a plain good time.



### A Reminder.

All Clubs and Societies must forward a list of executive officers for 1980-81 to the Student Council Offices before October 1, to be recognized within the Dalhousie Student Organization. Forms may be picked up at Council offices, Rm. 222 Dal SUB.

## CUSO

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DALHOUSIE:

October 1, 1980 Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Tupper Building Theatre "A"  
**Health Focus** - Nancy Edwards, CUSO Public Health Nurse, from Sierra Leone Guest Speaker

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## Book burning

LENNOXVILLE (CUP)—More than 60 students gathered September 16 and publically burned an estimated 100 copies of the Bishop's Champlain student handbook less than a day after it was released.

The handbook has been a subject of controversy on the campus of 2000 students for a number of weeks because of alleged editorial bias towards homosexuals.

The burning took place in an open field near the university

and lasted about 45 minutes.

"We're cleaning the air," shouted one student as he threw a copy of the handbook page by page onto the fire.

"It's useless trash and not appropriate for Bishop's," said another.

Handbook editor Daron Westman, an avowed homosexual and president of the Bishop's Champlain Gay Student Alliance, said the burning of the handbook has put him "in shock".

"I expected an articulated negative reaction... never anything so organized, so many people working in unison," he said.

Bishops Principal C.I.H. Nicholl and student president Ian Pennell would not comment on the incident.

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