

# Party big mess

by Tom Regan

Five bus loads of Howe Hall students and two bus loads of Dalhousie orientation students left Halifax's Crystal Crescent Beach "... very, very dirty," in the words of two workers for the Department of Lands and Forests who had to clean up the next day. However, organizers at Dalhousie say the mess was the result of a misunderstanding and will not happen again.

Valerie and Brian Gray are responsible for looking after the beach at Crystal Crescent. Both were very upset when they came out the day following the party last Thursday night and saw the mess the students had left.

"It was more than exceptionally dirty", said Valerie Gray. "The centre area of the beach was particularly dirty. It seems they brought in a lot of trees to burn or sit on and then didn't move them when they left. There were also a lot of beer bottles, pop bottles and food wrappings lying around. Near the trees there was also a lot of broken glass."

Gray said that it would have taken two or more evenings to clean up the mess if it hadn't been for a group of students from King's College who came

down to have their own party. The King's students helped the Grays clean up and then cleaned up most of their own mess before they left.

Both organizers for the beach party from Dalhousie were upset with what happened and said it would not happen again.

Debbie Naugler of the Orientation Committee said that she was going to phone the department and apologize. Brian Wilson, head of the Howe Hall group, felt the mess came about as the result

of a misunderstanding.

"I've been working on these beach things for the past few years and this is the first time this has happened. The last two years we've gone out the next day to clean up and found the mess had already been removed by the Lands and Forest people. We certainly would have cleaned up if we would have known it would have caused so much inconvenience. Believe me, it will not happen again next year."

## Strike averted

TORONTO (CUP)—A possible strike by York University's office, clerical and technical workers was averted September 7 when the workers voted to accept the university's contract offer.

Lauma Avens, president of the York University Staff Association (YUSA), said that the new one-year contract gives employees an increase of 8.5 per cent or \$875, whichever is greater.

YUSA members will receive annual salaries of between \$9900 and \$17,200 under the

new contract, together with

additional health insurance benefits and personal leave provisions.

A two-week strike by YUSA in September 1978 partially closed the university. Some professors and students boycotted classes, and bus and mail truck drivers refused to cross YUSA picket lines.

Avens called the new collective agreement "a very clear step forward, although you never get everything you deserve."

Last year's strike ended after the YUSA members accepted increases of between 6 and 7.1 per cent.

## CUP briefs

### Groundhog sex

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS)—Laid-back sex may not be as exciting as it's cracked up to be, according to a U.S. university researcher.

Sex therapist John Wincze decided to test the widely held belief that sexual relations without anxieties and worries are the most enjoyable. In his tests Wincze compared the reactions of two different groups of volunteers to a sexually arousing film.

One group was first shown an anxiety-producing movie—such as an Alfred Hitchcock thriller or a videotape of a violent automobile accident—before watching the erotic movie. The second group was only shown the erotic film.

Wincze was surprised to find that the volunteers who watched the anxiety-producing movie first later recorded the highest sexual arousal rates.

The therapist suggests that, contrary to popular belief, a little anxiety might be beneficial and laid-back sex a little dull.

Meanwhile in other sexual research developments, a London zoologist claims that sex is no fun at all for groundhogs, laid-back or otherwise.

After Andrew Mechelen, of Peacehaven, England, recently complained to zoologists that the squeals of love-happy groundhogs were keeping him awake, a study was conducted.

The problem, one zoologist concluded, was that, "The hedgehogs are noisy because what they are doing is probably a very painful experience."

### Overcrowded classes

TORONTO (CUP)—When professor J.B. Gilmore looks for a glimmer of understanding in the eyes of his Psychology 100 class he has a big job to undertake. That's because there are 1,400 eyes on him.

The University of Toronto, in an attempt to cope with insufficient funding at the university, has put about 700 students in Gilmore's Thursday morning class.

U of T president James Ham is worried that huge classes at universities could become the rule rather than the exception if continued underfunding of universities takes place.

"What must worry us is to what extent classes like this become common experience," said Ham. "It's intolerable that a person's university experience be dominated by classes that large."

Peter Galway, students' administrative council education commissioner, said the size of the class is frustrating and ridiculous, but there is little hope of changing the situation now.

Harvey Cooper, arts and science students' union executive assistant, said the class will have a "circus environment" and that such large classes make "a farce of education."

Gilmore says some students in the class of 700 will be unhappy with the crowding but he believes the majority will be satisfied.

He says no difficulties are foreseen in communicating with the students in the class.

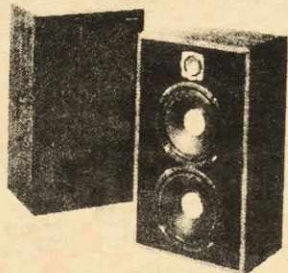
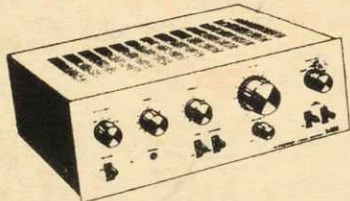
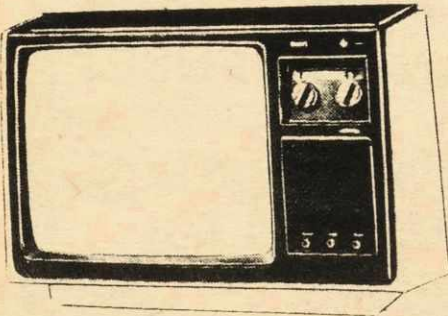
### Food contaminated

TUCSON (ZNS)—When students in the Tucson unified school district in Arizona got hot apple turnovers in their cafeterias they didn't realize how hot they were.

That's because no one knew the district's foodstuffs in their central kitchen had been contaminated by tritium radiation at an area landfill.

The school district was ordered recently to bury immediately about \$316,000 worth of food stored in the kitchen. The kitchen has been closed since June, when it was discovered that radioactive tritium which was being emitted from the nearby American Atomic Corporation plant had contaminated the food. The plant is still emitting tritium and is being closed down.

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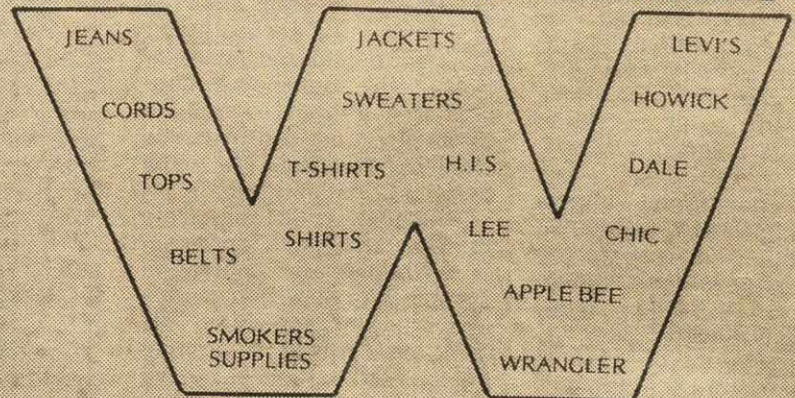
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