

Did ya know that....

Wilson, one of America's largest manufacturers of athletic equipment, will discontinue its entire line of football helmets at the end of the 1979 season.

In recent years, helmets have been implicated in an epidemic of neck, back and head injuries among high school and college players, and a Wilson spokesman said the risk of lawsuits had simply become too great. No helmet, the spokesman said, can really prevent football injuries.

Several other companies have already dropped their helmet lines, and after the Wilson announcement, more will probably follow. (Newsprint)

Here's an incident that's probably happened to all of us at one time or another. You put your money into a vending machine and get nothing in return.

Well, that's what happened to a Rhode Island foundry worker three years ago. But Michael Denardo got so mad, he gave the machine a good, swift cuff with his bare hand. Unfortunately, he hit the machine so hard, he lost 10 per cent of the use of his right hand.

And now, the Rhode Island Supreme Court has ruled that he is entitled to workers compensation for his injured hand. The high court did say, however, that striking the machine was "ill-advised." (Newsprint)

Nine supporters of American Indian activist Leonard Peltier are seeking political asylum in Canada.

The nine, all members of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, say that they've been subjected to harassment and unwarranted arrests in the United States. At this point, the Indians have been admitted as visitors. Their request for political asylum will be considered by a high-level government committee in Ottawa.

Peltier, recently recaptured after a prison escape, is considered to be a political prisoner by many human rights groups, including Amnesty International. (NDS)

The record business isn't the only one with financial troubles. Leading stereo retailers and manufacturers have also fallen on hard times during the last few months.

Since the mid-Seventies, stereo has expanded tremendously - from a one-point-seven-billion-dollar business in 1975 to nearly four billion last year. But so far, this year has been a disaster. Superscope, one of the largest manufacturers lost nine million dollars in the first half of 1979, and most major retail chains say sales are off 15 or 20 per cent. Some stores are reportedly still trying to get rid of stock from last Christmas.

Most observers blame the slump on the general state of the economy. Rising gas prices, they say, have discouraged shopping, and the rising cost of records has hurt the entire music industry. Bad news for stereo shops could be good news for bargain hunters, though. Many stores are selling off equipment near cost. (Newsprint)



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HOW TO DO IT:

To add a course or withdraw from one, a student must complete a Course Change Form and take it to the Registrar's Office for approval before the dates indicated above. Forms are available from the Dean, the Registrar and individual departments.

SEE PAGE 19 OF THE 1978/80 CALENDAR FOR THE PRECISE REGULATIONS CONCERNING COURSE CHANGES.

MAXELL not MAXWELL. We would like to apologize for the above typing error last week.