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"There've been no bones made about that one," said associate vice-president of facilities and services Al Rennie.

"The idea... is to make that land available for future (possibly non-housing) use," he said. Some of the non-housing aspects of the currently favored plans for the area are a large car park and tennis courts.

"Student housing, and specifically the kind of student housing in North Garneau, is much more valuable to this university than tennis courts and parkades," Soper said.

Soper says the Board of Governors must be lobbied to change its long term policy toward North Garneau.

"The Board of Governors must be made aware of the historical, architectural and esthetic value of North Garneau," he said.

"I believe enough people on this campus and in the city itself realize the value of North Garneau to become involved in some sort of effort to save it."

The issues are clouded by the university's need for 650 new student beds by the summer of 1983 at the latest, for the 1983 World University Games. The planning process is being sped up to allow the university to begin construction by this summer.

A forum on the future of North Garneau will be held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in SUB 142. Plans are not final, but at least two speakers will discuss the merits of the university's redevelopment plans.

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NOTES

Fewer jobs for summer

OTTAWA (CUP) — A \$20 million reduction in the federal summer job creation program will likely mean less jobs for Canadian students next summer.

The government allocation of \$100 million for summer job creation for 1981 is down from \$120 million for 1980. According to Jeff Parr, researcher for the National Union of Students, the primary cutbacks are in the area of community development and federally sponsored programs.

"These are the real job creation programs in the package," said Parr. The other areas of expenditure are national defense programs and hire a student campaigns and employment centres.

"It seems the government is placing a higher priority on military training than on job creation," said Parr. "Much of the defense allocation does not create any jobs."

According to Parr, 60 percent of the defense area of job creation is for cadet training, a six week course for teenagers of between 13 and 18 years. Participants are not paid a wage, but instead are given a \$100 bonus if they complete the course.

Yet, Hallam Johnson, executive director of the employment development branch of the Ministry of Employment and Immigration, disagrees that emphasis has been placed on military job training. He considers that the \$20 million cutback is a "generalized reduction" across the board which does not favor any area.

Johnson did not feel the programs would suffer much because of the reduction. "There has been a history of varied funding."

U of T getting tough

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto has tightened entrance requirements for grade 13 students by rejecting certain course credits.

Starting next year, grade 13 students seeking admission to a BA or BSC program at the U of T will no longer be able to offer data processing, marketing and merchandising, other business studies, secretarial practice or technological studies.

The academic affairs committee of the faculty of arts and science approved the plan January 15. Two other arts and science committees have also approved it.

Students will also only be able to offer one credit of accounting, dramatic arts, family studies, law, multidisciplinary studies, other arts studies, physical and health education, screen education and visual arts for admissions credit until it is decided whether or not they provide suitable preparation for a prospective arts and science student.

Arthur Kruger, dean of the faculty, said the courses in question do not meet any of the requirements of the faculty. He also argued that these courses do not provide proper preparation for university.

Pesticide lethal poison

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Canadians may be committing a kind of "Genetic suicide" warned Dr. Charles Hoover, professor of ecology and biology at the University of Minnesota.

Speaking at the University of Manitoba, Hoover's concern centered around the use of 'agent orange' — a herbicidal mixture of the poisons 2-4-D and 2-4-5-D.

Hoover is shocked that Canada has not banned or limited the use of Agent Orange. The toxins used in its preparation are used extensively as pesticides in Canada. Direct contact with even dilute proportions of these lethal poisons results in immediate chest pains, pricking of the skin, numbness and eventual paralysis, Hoover said.

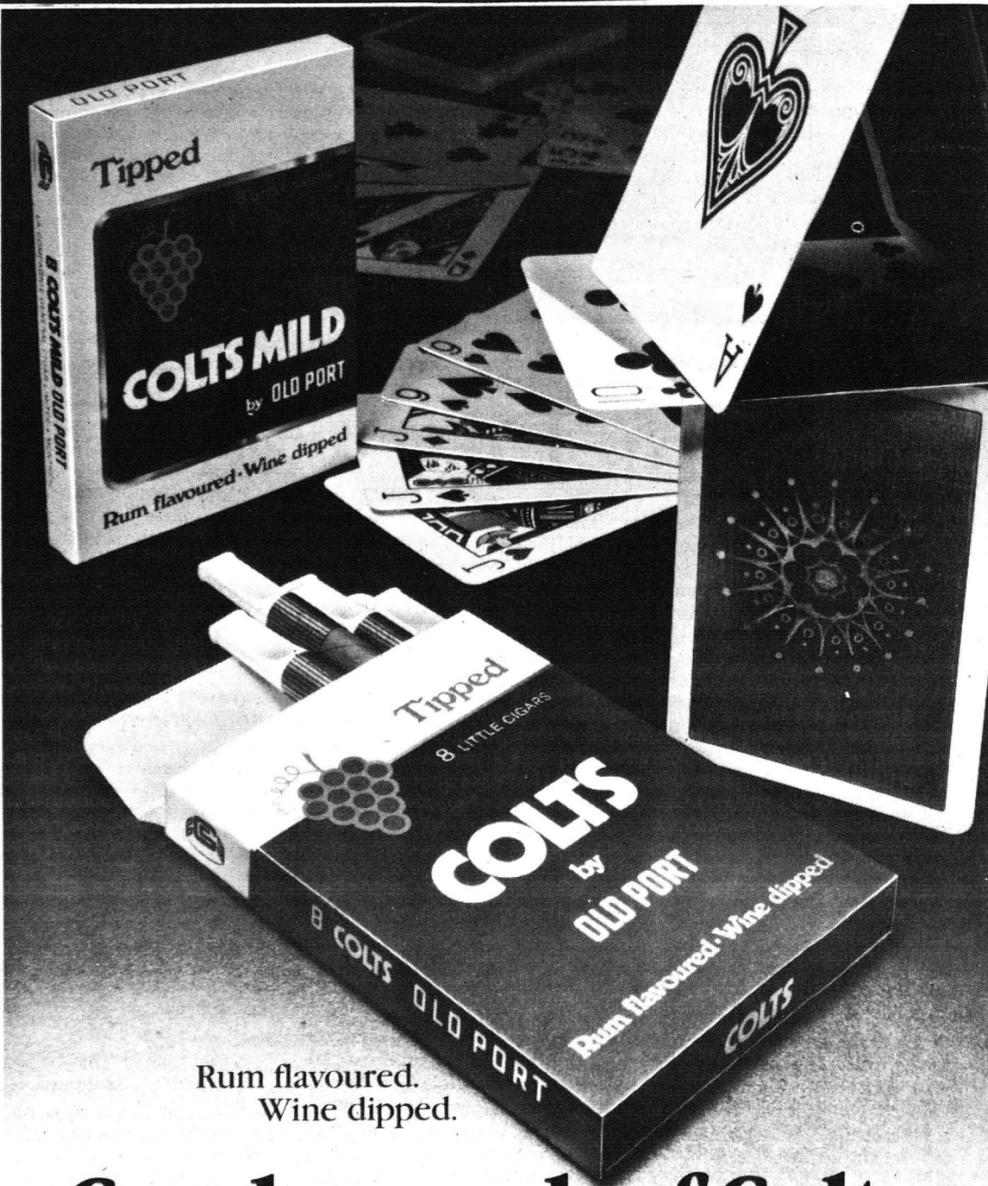
Studies involving veterans exposed to the pesticide during the Vietnam War indicate a breakdown in chromosomes which are transferred genetically to offspring, said Hoover.

These veterans father children with double the average incidence of physical abnormalities.

When sprayed over forested and agricultural areas, Hoover explained, the mixture seeps into ground water supplies, and in this way has ruined water reserves in several American cities. Transfer of the agent several miles from the target area, and persistence up to eight years after initial application have occurred.

Hoover also said there is evidence to back up the claim that in some instances, use of agent orange actually increases the number of insects in a given area where the agent is applied.

Hoover added, however, the total abolition of agent orange would result in a 10 percent loss in farm crops in the United States.



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