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Memorial's party ends too

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — "Gross and disgusting" initiation rites undergone by first-year students in Memorial University residences have prompted the drafting of new regulations governing initiation ceremonies.

The policy, which will ban nudity and mental and physical harassment from hazing activities, was proposed in consultation with student representatives and the university administration.

And while the Department of Student Housing and Food Services refuses to release details of recent incidents, director Brian Johnston admits the rules are a direct response to past excesses.

"Froshing should be fun — even a bit embarrassing. But it's not going to go to gross or disgusting levels like the horror stories of the past," said Johnston.

Administrators outlawed initiation during the last winter semester due to an "incident" the previous term, according to Dave Flynn, vice-president internal of the Memorial students' council. University officials refuse to discuss the case, but did interview students in order to discover what actually went on during hazing. Accounts circulating on campus include that of a male student tied to a chair and blindfolded. A bladeless chainsaw was then revved up and pressed against his bare leg.

Students complain of having molasses and feathers poured over them and of having their residence rooms flooded by water hoses. Others were forced to jog around the campus naked.

The document's preface states that froshing is intended to be "fun and help students get to know each other." But it continues: "The fear of froshing has been cited as the reason for not living in residence by an increasing number of highschool students."

Meanwhile the University of Texas at Austin recently upheld a four-year suspension of Phi Kappa Psi (PKP), and hinted more punishments may be coming.

Mark Seeberger, a PKP pledge, died of exposure and acute alcohol poisoning in September, 1986, after other frat members forced him to drink an excessive amount of rum.

Queen's divests US firm

KINGSTON (CUP) — After ten years of demonstrations and heated debate, Queen's University has finally decided to sell its shares in companies operating in South Africa.

On September 3, the Queen's Board of Trustees voted 19 to 5 in favour of divesting, reversing a stand they took last May when they voted 22 to 9 against a similar motion.

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Queen's has between \$16 and

\$20 million invested in companies based in the United States.

Anti-apartheid activists at Queen's are pleased with the decision but are concerned about the board's motives and the time-frame for divestment.

"The Board of Trustees seems to want to wash their hands of the issue," said Godwin Friday, a member of the Queen's Committee Against Apartheid. "They called it a victory. It is a victory for the university but a convenience for the Board of Trustees."

"It was a very difficult decision for the Board," said Queen's Public Relations Director Dick Bowman. * Bowman said no action will be taken on the decision until an investment committee meets in October to decide on the best method of implementing the decision.

Trustees credited the reversal of their stand to a variety of factors, ranging from deep concern for the situation in South Africa to a desire to get the issue over with.

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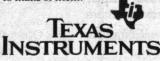
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