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see." The SU brief to the Finance Committee recommended maximum 10 per cent and 15 per cent rent increases in Michener Park and North Garneau, respectively, and a reduction in mandatory scrip purchases for Lister Hall and Pembina residents.

Housing and Food Services originally proposed rent hikes of up to 30 per cent in North Garneau and 15.9 per cent in Michener Park. The committee also originally recommended a 30 per cent increase — from \$900 to \$1200 — in the amount of scrip purchased by residence students.

The Michener Park Tenants' Association (MPTA) presentation protested subsidizing other housing units, and cited special costs for married students.

MPTA president Keith

Morgan also presented the committee with a petition protesting the proposed increases, signed by 94 per cent of Michener Park residents contacted.

"We are not looking for a subsidy, only to pay our own way," the submission stated.

The Pembina Hall Student Association (PHSA) protested the more than 30 per cent

increase in scrip in the proposed contract. Many Pembina students do not use all the scrip they are required to buy now and are forced to sell it to other students at a loss, the brief stated.

The PHSA proposed an "optional" scrip program, in which students could purchase as much scrip as they wished.

Lobby of MLAs, from page 1

president Hamish Kerfoot. "We want to make sure that post-

secondary educational institutions in this province get adequate funding in the upcoming budget. If they don't, we want opposition voicing our concern in the house."

Though several MLAs have yet to meet with student representatives, student aid has

been a consistent bright spot in the meetings held so far, according to Nolan Astley.

"Each MLA seems willing to accept our view on the student aid question," he said.

MLAs are also being met in Calgary and other areas of the province. Each student representative will be reporting his meeting to FAS for evaluation and compilation.

National Notes

Junk Food Hall of Shame

WASHINGTON (ZNS) — They could be your favourite munchies but it's likely that whatever you stuff your face with has a place in the Junk Food Hall of Shame.

Created by consumer groups here, the exhibit at the University of Maryland includes products cited for low nutrition, too much sugar and high prices.

Some of the Hall of Shame all-stars? Sugar Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops, Jello, Shake and Bake, Coca Cola, Hawaiian Punch, Kool Aid, Cool Whip, Tang and Pop Rocks.

"Foods produced by major corporations are killing us," warns Michael Jacobson, director of the Centre for Science in the Public Interest.

To drive home his point, the display includes a tooth rotted by immersion in Coca Cola for 24 hours, a five-pound jar full of coloured sand that represents the amount of artificial flavourings, colouring and preservatives the average American consumed last year and other edible horrors.

Pie in the eye

WATERLOO (CUP) — Universities and colleges minister Bette Stephenson found that education isn't really a pie in the sky subject March 17.

Instead, it's pie in the eye.

The Ontario cabinet minister, speaking at the University of Waterloo, was barely a minute into her talk when a student rushed onto the stage and pushed a cream pie into Stephenson's face.

Stephenson wiped the pie off and continued speaking while student Sam Wagar was taken into custody by campus security. Although the minister said she will not press charges, police have not ruled out the possibility that Wagar will get his just desserts.

Shortly after the incident, a pamphlet was distributed through the audience of 500.

It depicted a tombstone on which the words "fee hike" had been engraved, with pie splattered all over them.

"The central committee of the Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho-Marxist), Waterloo branch, hereby declares Bette Stephenson and the government of Ontario null and void," the pamphlet stated.

Underneath the tombstone were the words: "Rest in Pie."


Before Stephenson arrived, student president Neil Freeman drew loud applause when he mentioned the possibility of a fee hike strike at the university.

Later the same day UW student council voted to hold such a strike in September.

Freeman said the fee strike will be a "confrontation act" and an "expression of dissatisfaction" with the government and the university administration.

During her question and answer session, Stephenson was told that 124 positions at UW, including those of professors, teaching assistants and support staff, had recently been eliminated.

"I am simply trying to tell you what the economic facts of life are," was Stephenson's reply.



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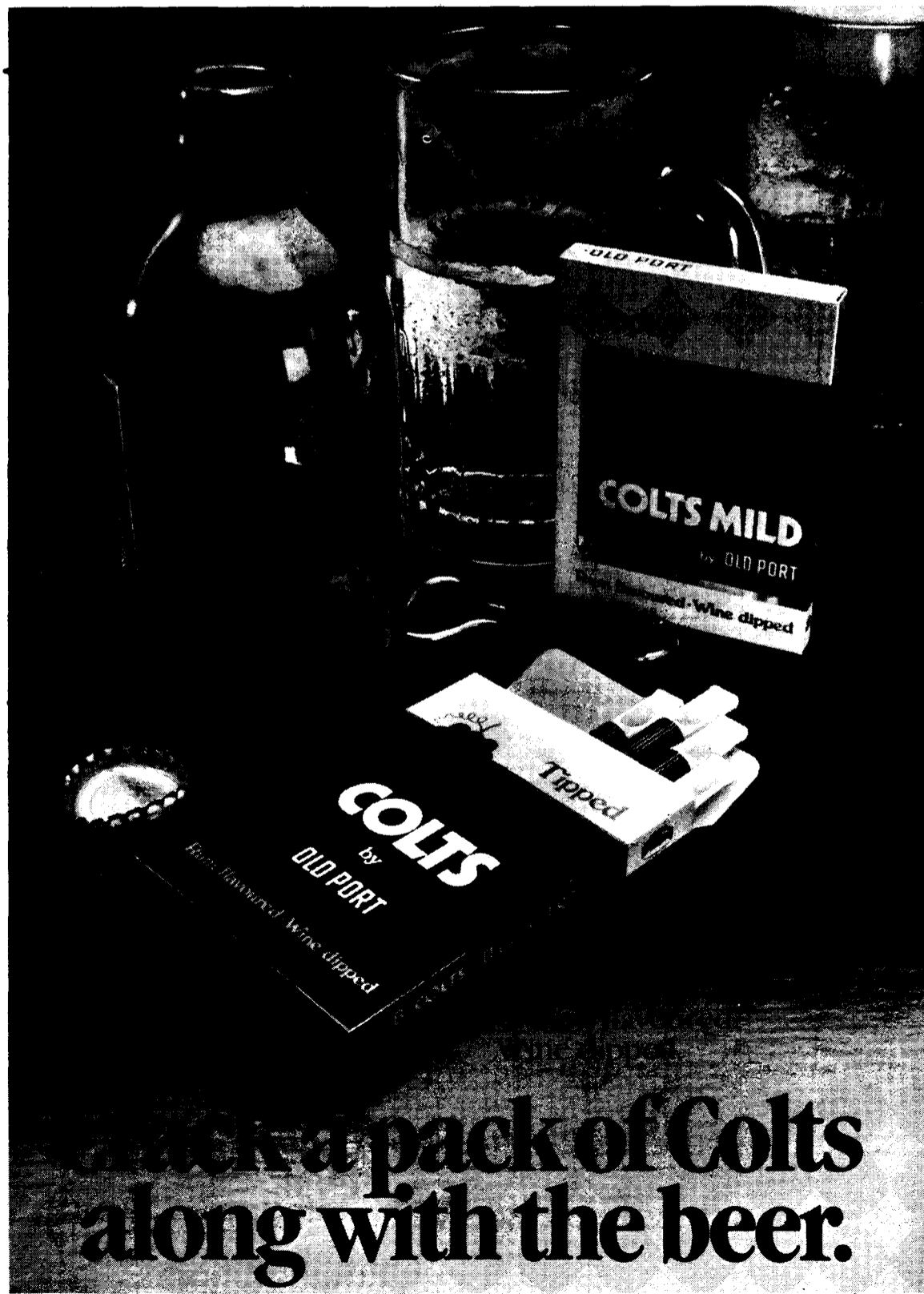
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