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Life is a sexually transmitted disease...

...and it is invariably fatal

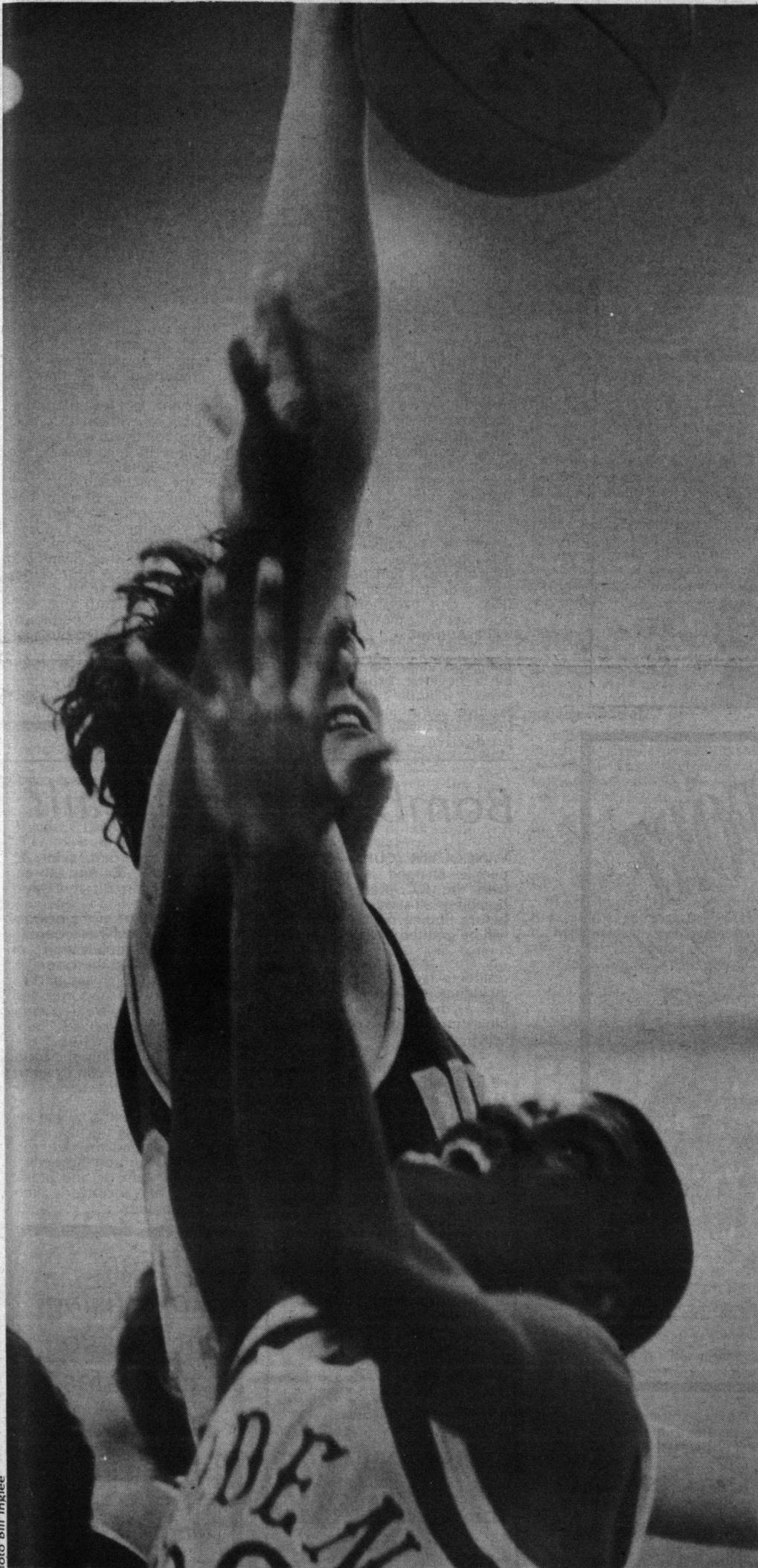


Photo: Bill Ingles

## 2000 Free Spaghetti Dinners

That's what will be up for grabs in Friday night's basketball action at Varsity Gym. The first 2000 fans through Friday's gate will receive a coupon redeemable at the Old Spaghetti Factory—no Catch 22 either. Come and cheer Willie Delas (above) and the rest of the Bears.

No job?

## Skill it!

**ST. JOHN'S (CUP)** — "Unemployment is not a problem."

Not according to federal employment minister Lloyd Axworthy it isn't. He would rather view it as "10,000 individual problems," he says.

Axworthy recently told an audience at the College of Fisheries in Newfoundland that companies are investing in modern equipment to increase efficiency but training institutes cannot afford to keep updating their stock.

"Employers still have to look outside Canada because we haven't got the skills."

Part of the federal government's \$500 million for employment assistance is going towards modernizing training institutions, said Axworthy, citing as an example a recent \$2 million grant to the fisheries college for new marine engineering equipment.

But mechanization does not increase the number of employed people, he said. It merely "redirects the labour force." The Winnipeg clothing industry, for example, could double the number of employed through mechanization, "but that would be very different work requiring different skills."

During an earlier visit to Alberta, Axworthy told a group of University of Calgary students that "we must prepare ourselves for the changing workplace."

Axworthy said if Canadians are going to deal successfully with our current employment problems we must prepare for these changes.

"It doesn't mean a reduction in work. But it does mean a different kind of work," he said. "The kinds of work we have taken as traditional aren't here anymore."

He added that Canadians are no worse off than people in most other industrial countries. "I don't think any ideology has all the solutions," he said.

"It is quite clear that what we're facing now is a series of converging factors that have

caused the greatest employment crisis since the depression."

At the same time, he advocated more cooperation between government and the private sector. "Many of the traditional ways (of creating jobs) aren't going to work unless we have cooperation."

But he admitted that while the federal government is working on the problem, they are not going to solve it entirely. He added that Canadians have to get away from the "kleenex box approach" of job creation where programs are implemented one week then abandoned the next. "We have to create the programs that work."

Meanwhile, in St. John's Axworthy said that seeing where jobs will be and funding training programs for those jobs is critical for economic growth, "particularly permanent jobs — not just a place to keep people warm during the winter months."

Fifty per cent of government funding for work programs goes to persons under the age of 23. The government has recently refinanced the summer youth program and is in the process of examining other youth employment programs through the testing of prototype projects.

"We've got to draw our attention to young people presently in both the work force and in schools."

The federal government is also providing incentives to employers hiring young people for the first time. "But subsidies in the federal government are not big enough," said Axworthy. "We are looking for initiatives from provincial governments and the private sector."

A representative from the secretarial school at the College of Trades and Technology said the school is five years behind in the level of training and has only five word processors. She asked if the school will receive money for updating equipment.

"I have a huge pile of such requests," said Axworthy. "I'm going to look at them on the way home on the plane."

## SU paints it black

by Mark Roppel

The Executive is preparing the SU budget for next year and finances "generally look a lot better than last year," according to SU President Robert Greenhill.

The referendum to increase SU fees by \$5 which was recently passed will generate about \$100,000.

The Executive is hoping for an additional fee increase of \$5 to keep pace with inflation.

SU VP Finance Roger Merkosky said, "The SU Administration Board (which Merkosky chairs) is going to recommend a 10% (\$5) increase to Students' Council...so that will help."

SU Business Manager Tom Wright predicts a budget surplus of \$400,000 next year. Finance Manager Ryan Beebe's estimate of \$275,000 is considerably lower, but he remains optimistic. "With the fee referendum and the Consumer Price index adjustment, we should basically be able to get the

University off our backs," said Beebe.

By the end of the summer the deficit should be approximately \$600,000. According to the finance agreement with the University, this deficit must be eliminated by January, 1985.

However, "There are a lot of things we can't foresee, particularly if the University wants to start charging for utilities," said Beebe. "We've had preliminary meetings (with the University)...they want \$100,000 to \$150,000 which would wipe out your CPI or fee referendum pretty quickly."

"A really negative CUPE contract next year would hurt us," said Beebe.

In addition, "The building of club space is not included in the budget," said Tom Wright. "That could be \$100,000 to \$180,000."

As for the controversial sale of bookstore space, "That's so speculative...in terms of budget preparation we're just leaving it out, it hasn't even been discussed by council yet," said Roger Merkosky.