

# Aborted Christmas ad

TORONTO (CUP) — An abortion rights group has succeeded in getting the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to ban an anti-abortion ad aimed at the Christmas shopping crowd from TTC vehicles.

The advertisement pictures a toy soldier with a tear running down its cheek and the caption, "Some toys will have less children to play with this year. Some 65,000 aborted children 'less.'" Sponsored by the Toronto chapter of the Right to Life Association, the ad was scheduled to appear on TTC vehicles at the beginning of December.

However, the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) appeared at a general meeting of the TTC members November 17 to ask them to ban the ad which they considered to be insulting to women.

In an article in the Globe and Mail November 3, Diane Nannarone, of CARAL said the ad was offensive to everyone, and the association of Christmas and abortion was "simply designed to

make women feel guilty." Nannarone also said the ad was scientifically incorrect when it stated that children, rather than fetuses, are aborted.

In the same article, Laura McArthur, president of Right to Life in Toronto said the ad was tasteful and appropriately timed. "We're trying to sell human life. I can't think of anything more Christmasy."

The TTC members agreed to ban the ad and broke their legal agreement with the Right to Life

Association, reversing a previous decision to display the posters.

The Right to Life Association feels that banning the ad is a curtailment of free speech and that CARAL's reaction is an indication of how much they fear the poster's effectiveness.

The ad, entitled "Crying Soldier", was designed by Creative Services of Toronto and won the CQLO Award in the Public Service Category for advertising in New York in June.

## VCF Book Exchange reopens

Once again students are caught up in that migratory lemming-like craze, the second term book buying blues.

Yes, line-ups are now forming at the U of A Bookstore, but you can avoid the craze by buying books at the VCF (Varsity Christian Fellowship) Book Exchange or used book sale in the basement of the Student's Union Building.

People can bring their used

books to the curling rink from January 5 - 7 (Tuesday to Thursday). Books will be sold on January 8, 11, and 12 (Friday, Monday and Tuesday). Books can then be returned on January 13 and 14 (Wednesday and Thursday). All remaining stock will be sold at half price on January 15 (Friday), the last day of the sale.

VCF Book Exchange hours will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# NOTES

## Embezzlers and Spies

OTTAWA (CUP) — A former Carleton University pub manager has been arrested in the United States on charges of conspiring to overthrow a South American government.

Ron Mertens was fired by the Students' association in 1977 following a dispute over the whereabouts of \$2,700. Now, he is suing the association for wrongful dismissal.

But, before Mertens can appear in court in Ottawa, he will have to face charges of general conspiracy and conspiracy to negotiate the overthrow of a foreign government. Mertens is in jail in Houston, Texas, with his bail set at \$1,000,000.

According to a recent article in *The Ottawa Citizen*, Mertens was arrested after American agents posing as South American guerrillas handed a suspect a brief case allegedly filled with a \$600,000 down payment for \$30 million worth of arms.

"The weapons shipment, which was supposed to include American and Spanish-made mortars, hand grenades, a helicopter and automatic rifles, has not yet turned up, though U.S. customs officials said they believe the weapons are on a ship in the Pacific Ocean near Costa Rica," stated the article in *The Citizen*.

"He's innocent 'till proven guilty," said student association finance commissioner Brian Stephenson. "But if he's convicted down there, it may have implications on his character."

"Having to face charges in the States may interfere with his case here," he added.

## Counter strike mounted

Agriculture students are already planning a counter-strike to upcoming Engineering Week activities.

Engineering Week runs from January 11 - 15. One of the activities will be a blood donor clinic to be held in the pedway between CAB and the Cameron Library.

The Agriculture Club plans to hold another Blood donation clinic in SUB during Engineering Week.

"The Red Cross says they're really short of blood," says Dwight Cole, Agriculture Faculty Council representative and the blood drive organizer for the Agriculture Club.

Cole explains that the Agriculture Club decided to run a blood clinic during Engineering Week to give it a high profile.

"We're (blood drive organizers) telling them (Agriculture students) that Engineers are coming," he says.

The Agriculture Club is informing all the classes about the drive, and getting the professors to push the event.

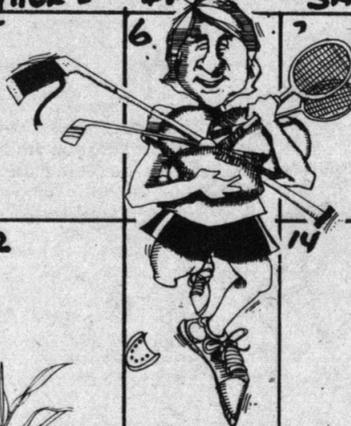
A 100 per cent participation goal has been set. A similar event has recently been held by the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan.

"In Saskatchewan, they actually came close," Cole says. The event garnered about 96 per cent participation from the faculty.

"It's a tough mark to make," he adds. "I think we can give her a shot."

The Agriculture band *Attack* will circulate around the campus checking on Agriculture students to see if they have donated.

*Something for you every day!*

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