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And she admits that "no one knew about it (the forum)."

"There is some apathy," she says, "but I don't think it's that students aren't concerned."

Frank says part of the problem is that many students don't think they can do anything to change government policies.

SU president Dean Olmstead also cited organizational problems, including poor publicity and scheduling for the flop. As well, there was confusion over the events and the name of the week was changed. (It was Students' Rights Week; it became Student Awareness Week.)

And Olmstead insists students are concerned with the

quality of their education and the amount they are paying for it.

"I still say the concern is there," he says. "Students are not the red-fisted type any more, but I'll go out there and talk to them and they'll bitch at me."

Vp academic Chanchal Bhattacharya agrees that students are not apathetic and that the average student is "very concerned" about the quality of his education.

He says you can't rely on something like the awareness forum to create student interest. "You just don't get students out to things like this," he says.

Bhattacharya says protests against tuition increases must be organized to reach the average

student.

"Students are very pragmatic people," he says. "Any event has to be organized to intrude on the student. You have to get out there and hit students. You need heavy pamphletting and strong use of advertising."

Olmstead and Frank agree the poor turnout may set student interests back rather than forward.

And with student meetings with the U of A Board of Governors this Friday and a lobby on the provincial legislature by student delegations coming up on March 27 student arguments may be weakened, they say.

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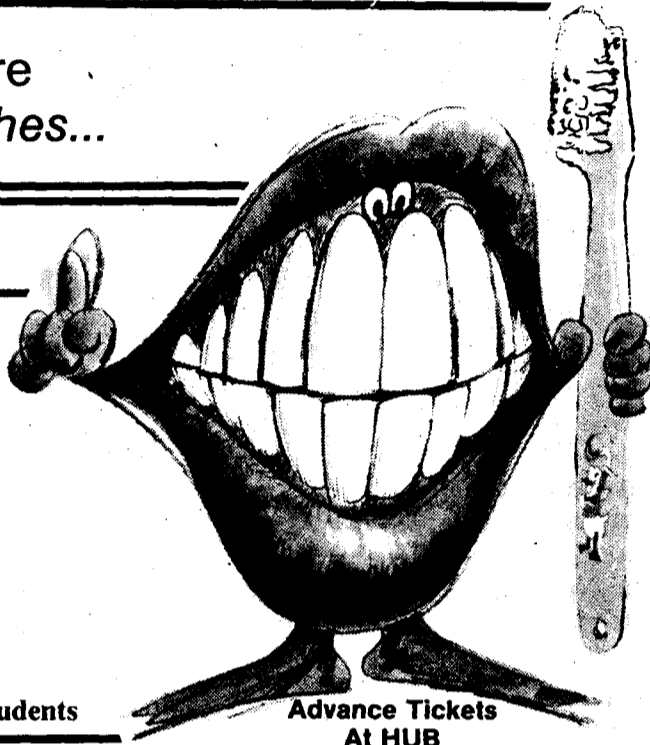
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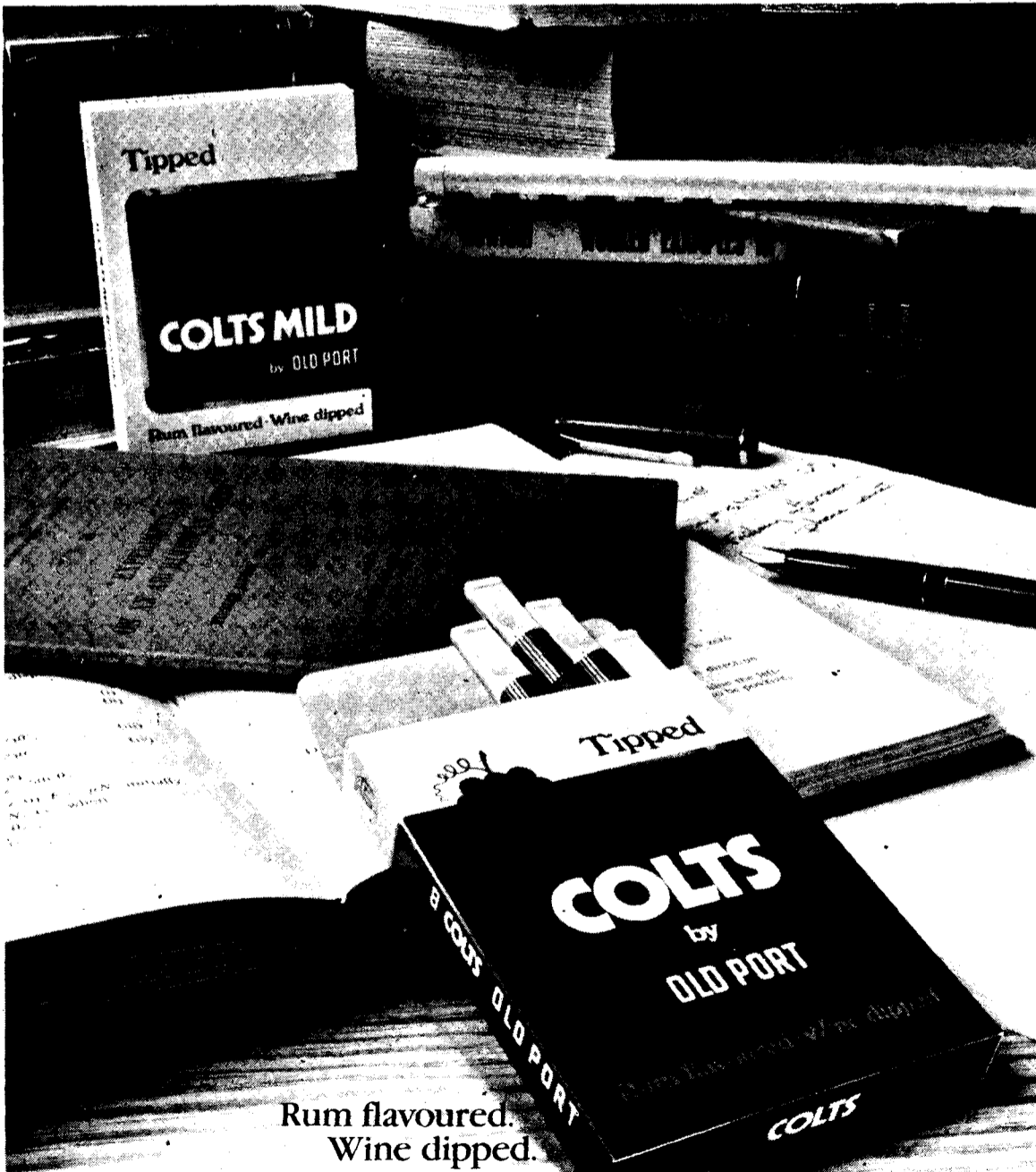
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But unlike pay TV, buying computer programs for computer science courses is plagiarism and the problem has reached epidemic proportions at Bishop's.

According to an investigation by the Bishop's student newspaper, *The Campus*, about 30 per cent of the students taking an introductory level computer course are buying all their assignments and more than 50 per cent buy at least one.

The assignments sell for \$5 apiece, or \$75 for all the assignments in a one semester course.

Buyers and sellers agree that the trade in computer programs goes virtually unchecked. "I can't think of any way (a professor) could monitor it," said one student.

Computer science teacher Charles Carman concurs, but says he has "better things to do than play policeman."

"If that's the way they want to get their degree," said Carman of the assignment sales, "that's up to them."

Carman said he has given a failing grade to work that he was certain was not the student's own but added that no student has ever failed the course on charges of plagiarism.

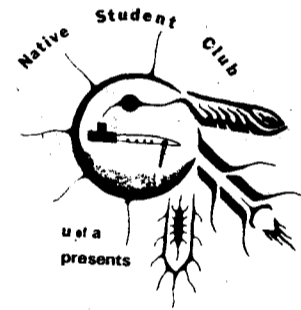
Students say there are two reasons for the high incidence of plagiarism: the light punishment and ability to cheat with impunity and the difficulty involved in passing the course.

Nukes to be outlawed

AUGUSTA (ZNS) — If an anti-nuclear group in Maine is successful, that state could become the first in the United States to outlaw all nuclear power generation within its borders.

The Maine nuclear referendum committee reports it has collected more than 47,000 signatures asking the state to hold a special referendum on the question of banning nuclear power. Only 37,000 are needed to bring the issue to the voters.

The Maine Yankee Atomic station — the only nuclear power generating plant in that state — has been operating since 1972. If the referendum is passed, the Yankee atomic station would be dismantled and, organizers of the measure say, would be converted to non-atomic energy purposes.



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