

Rent hike hits Fridays

by Mike Walker

Fridays restaurant, the Students' Union's perennial money-loser, is going to lose even more next year, if the University has its way.

The university, owner of HUB Mall where Fridays is located, has served notice that the rent will be raised 40 percent April 1, when the old lease runs out. Also affected will be the SU sheet music store, whose rent will be raised about the same percentage. (See story page 3.)

Fridays total rent will jump from about \$25,000 this year to about \$35,000 next year if the university sticks to its demand for a hike from about \$6 to about \$8.50 per square foot.

The other SU HUB businesses, SU Records and Tapes, the SU Box Office, and SU Yarn Crafts, all will continue to enjoy their \$4.50 per square foot rents, since their leases do not expire this year.

All HUB merchants whose leases expire this spring face the

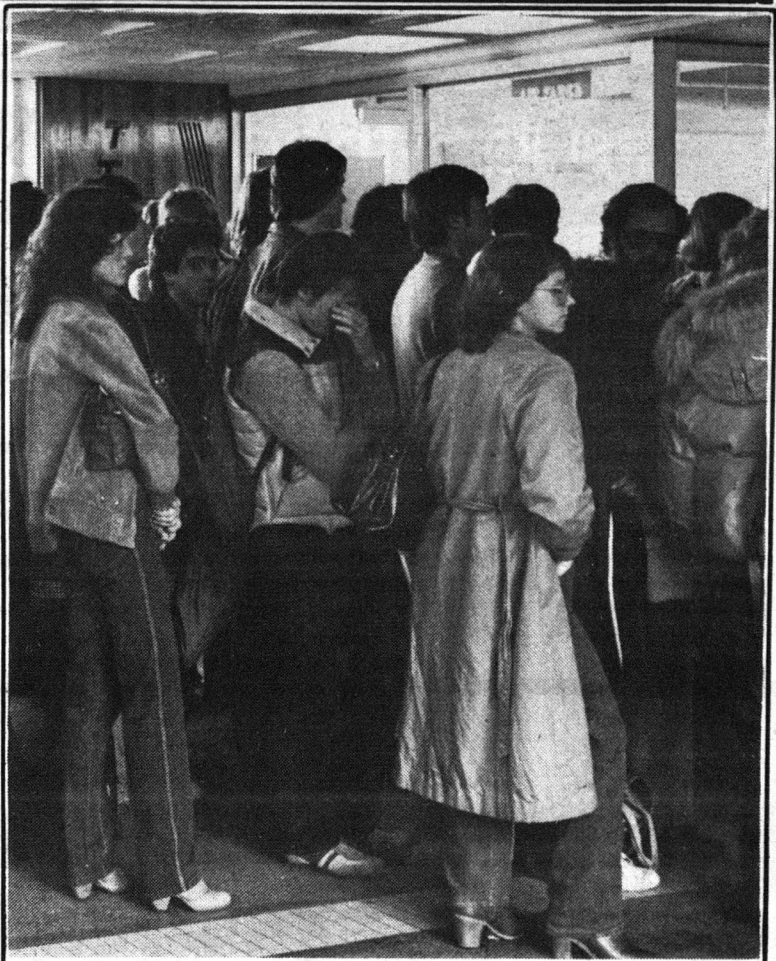
same demand as the SU, according to SU vice-president finance Pat Haws. But Fridays is already losing heavily, she says, so it may not be able to foot the cost.

"We don't know what's going to happen to Fridays," she said Friday. "There's absolutely no way we can afford to pay \$35,000." Haws added she doesn't know whether or not the university will be flexible in negotiations.

University Housing and Food Services Director Gail Brown refused to comment on the status of negotiations between her department and the Students' Union.

Fridays last year lost \$24,000. The bar, however, was moderately successful, making \$9,500. The real loser was Fridays' restaurant, which lost a total of \$33,500. This led Haws to speculate on closing Fridays restaurant and operating the bar only, in about half the space now occupied.

"They (the university) are willing to have it split in half," she said. That way, "We could do a lot better than we have done," even with the rent increase.



Thinking about midterms, eh? Or is it knowing no tickets for George Thorogood will be left when you reach the front. Sorry, it's already sold out.

Photo: Bill Treloar

U of T students may ban the Klan

TORONTO (CUP) - Students' Council at the University of Toronto will decide shortly whether or not they support "banning the Klan."

A motion put forward by a number of councillors to have the Klu Klux Klan thrown off campus is "meant to be a symbolic gesture" says Charles Mills of the Afro-Caribbean Students Association. "It should be understood that they didn't want them (the KKK) on campus," he said.

Alexander McQuirter, the so-called grand wizard for the Canadian wing of the KKK, says the council cannot ban the Klan.

"They are nothing but school children, they have no power," he said, adding "the debate is a foolish exercise of debating techniques. It is irrelevant what they do."

The executive assistant to the Attorney-General of Ontario, Michael Conacher, said the Klan had the right of free speech but

would be watched very carefully.

Gary Yee of the student council anti-racism committee rejects the freedom of speech argument.

"It may be easier for those who have not been subjected to it (racism) to speak for rights of speech," Yee said.

Psych enthusiasts associate themselves

by John Roggeveen

Psychology enthusiasts on campus now have an organization of their own.

The newly formed Undergraduate Psychology Association (UPA) recently recognized by the Students' Union, will enable students to pursue their interests outside of the classroom.

"We hope to foster interaction between people interested in the field of psychology... to spon-

sor academic activities beyond the scope of the classroom and increase communication between students of psychology and people working within the field," says Ninette Gironella, one of the student organizers.

The association will also try to eradicate some of the myths and fallacies about psychology which

are prevalent in society and, thus, enhance the attitudes about psychology and psychologists.

"Most people think of psychologists as men with white coats and German accents who counsel neurotic women," says Peter Jellard, another student.

Through the association students hope to sponsor many

activities and offer a number of services to help solve some of the problems psychology students have.

"We have already organized a social and it was very successful. About two-hundred people showed up and had a great time," says Gironella. "We will also be

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