

I never let the right know what the left was doing.

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Consequently, I castrated myself while opening a can of beans.
— Roger Zelazny

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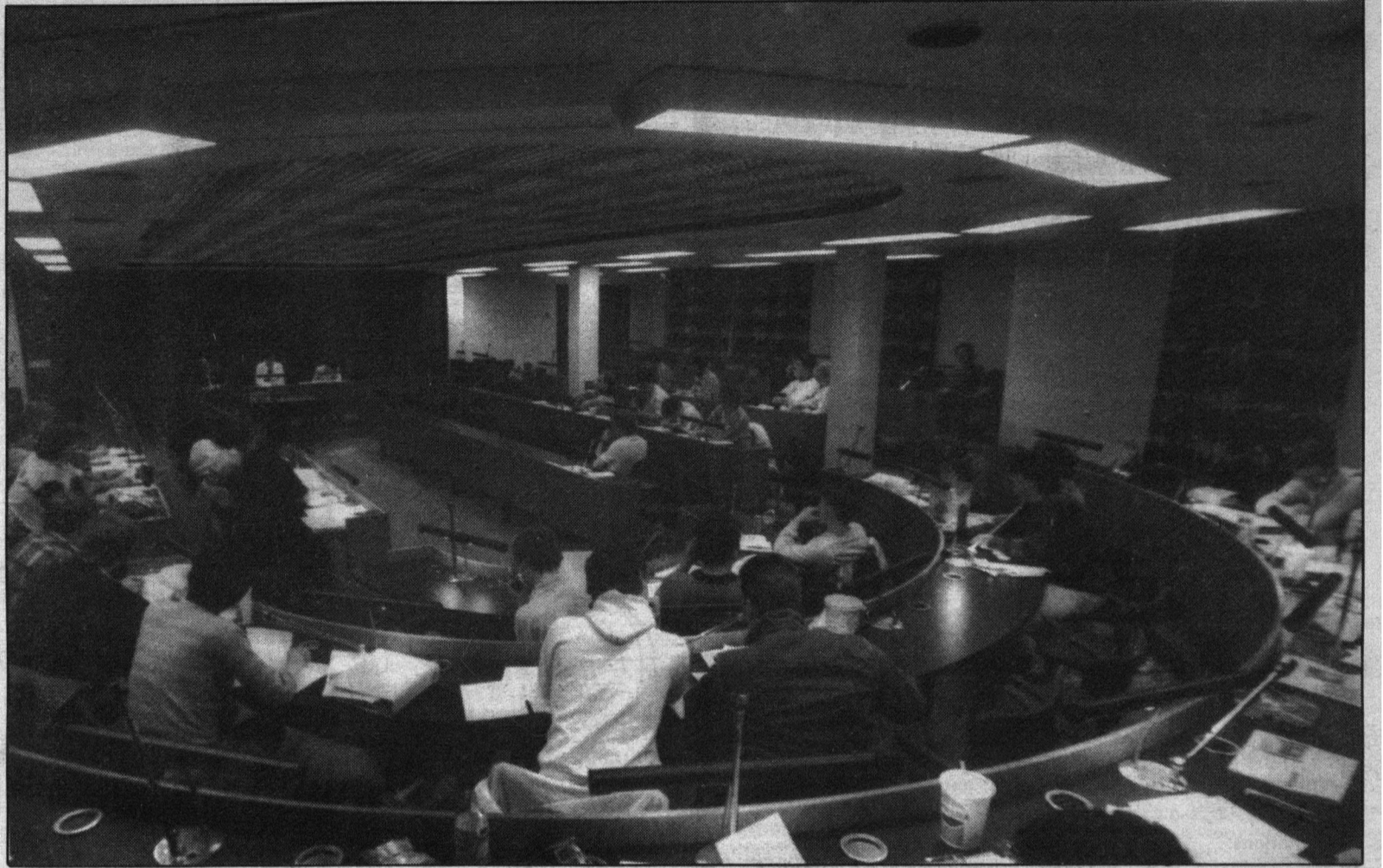
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The next Students' Council meeting, April 30, is the last for this year's executive. They'll go out with a bang; see Beer below.

photo Ron Checora

Mock market bullish

by Brad Johnson

The university's Young Investors Club has just wrapped up its mock market.

The market, which had been going on since the club was founded in November, was an imitation of several Canadian stock exchanges. It followed the course of actual stocks on an IBM XT computer, except real money was not used. Stocks were traded twice weekly.

"You learn that things go up and down pretty quick," said outgoing club president Mike Anderson.

For instance, a few participants "took a beating" on their Phoenix Oil stocks when that company ran into legal troubles.

Members were given a chance to play and \$25 thousand of fake money to invest for a fee of five real dollars. To add realism to the game, commissions and other fees charged at real life stock exchanges were charged.

The game served as a learning experience for its participants. "We tried to make it very realistic," said Anderson.

The winner of the stock market game was Paul Ermantrout who made a profit of over \$10 thousand in two months.

The fledgling Young Investors Club expects to continue this stock market beginning next September. Future plans include setting up a phone modem so they can trade their stocks daily, and setting up a funds pool for real investment.

The SU funded club has about 55 members, according to Anderson, and has a regular speaker series.

by Thomas Olsen

Students in Chemistry 312 need not fear bogus lab results, says professor Byron Kratochvil.

Distilled water in the lab was found to contain microbiological impurities, a discovery which prompted concern over the possibility of inaccurate test results.

Dr. Kratochvil said, however, that the biggest problem the bacteria caused was for his staff. They were forced to mix solutions more frequently than they normally would

have.

"The impurities won't affect chemical analysis," said Kratochvil, "they don't become a serious threat until they are visible, and these organisms didn't reach the stage of visibility."

Evelyn Bradford, lab consultant to 312, echoed Kratochvil with assurances of the impurity's harmlessness.

"They won't affect the students' (results)," said Bradford. "It just meant that a student who used that

particular water would have to boil it or add a chemical cleanser to purify it."

Kratochvil said that another reason students' results wouldn't be harmed was because of the type of medium that was used.

"We used a medium which is highly lethal to the bacteria," said Kratochvil. "Perhaps if the medium had been compatible to bacterial growth, we could have had a problem."

There is speculation that a water

demineralizing column used in the lab is responsible for the contamination. Water which was passed through the column to remove trace metal ions was found to contain a high percentage of organisms.

Kratochvil said that extensive tests would be conducted through the summer months to correct the problem before classes commence next September.

Organism fouls water in Chem.

"Sexist" frosh ritual to be revamped

TORONTO (CUP) — The Student council of Victoria University at the University of Toronto has let the wind out of a men's orientation ceremony that includes a physically accurate female inflatable doll and an object known as "the sacred muff."

In a recent meeting, council decided this year's orientation chair must "revise the hazing and sexist elements of the men's traditional orientation ceremony," said council president Marni Pyke.

Vic orientation ends with two secret ceremonies, one for men and one for women. The men's ceremony centres on the sacred muff, a piece of carpet soaked in fish oil and chicken blood which is meant to represent a large vagina. In the past, male frosh have been required to kneel and kiss the object, which is now nine years old.

Last September a new element was added. "They have to blow up a rubber doll with a vaginal opening that they were throwing around," Pyke said. She said she thought the whole issue was blown out of proportion, but "some Vic students found it objectionable."

According to council service commissioner Rosemary Newman, Vic women had not realised before what the ceremony contained. "We started talking to some guys, and we started to realize how offensive the whole thing was to women," she said.

Newman objects to such a ceremony at an institution "which is supposed to be enlightened. The

first experience boys get when they arrive is a big put-down of women."

Ian Grant, a member of last fall's orientation executive, admitted the ceremony got out of hand, but insisted the sexist elements were not to blame. Instead, he thought the problem might lie with the requirement that frosh must remain quiet during a long speech about the history of "the sacred muff" as

part of the ceremony.

"In the last couple of years, some of the leaders have been overzealous in trying to keep the frosh quiet, and some of them might not have had fun," he said.

Newman said men she talked with were at first defensive, but later admitted the ceremony's sexist elements made them uncomfortable.

FREE BEER

by John Watson and Randal Smathers

Would you rather buy the SU a beer or drink one of theirs? The choice is yours.

One thousand dollars of SU money (your money) will be spent on food and drink for the Students' Council changeover party. Although the party is intended for the old and new council representatives, any student on campus is welcome according to Dave Og-

inski, SU president.

"They (students) are welcome to attend," said Oginski.

The money used to pay for the festivities comes out of Student Union coffers.

The changeover party is a yearly event held on the last day of April to welcome the new council members and thank the old.

Last year's party was graced with the presence of Bambi, a stripper.

Although Bambi was paid 130

dollars and a cheque for 130 dollars was paid out by the SU for party expenses, the evidence remains circumstantial whether the Student Union money paid for the stripper.

Bambi is not expected to appear at this year's function, but your fees are still going to buy the party refreshments.

Mark your calendar, April 30, at about 9:30 p.m. in SUB Theatre — you're buying, you may as well be drinking.