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## News Survey



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### No show for Johnson statue

(Toronto) A statue of Ben Johnson will not be part of an exhibit at the National Sports and Recreation Centre. The Centre refused the statue after testimony at the Dubin inquiry confirmed Johnson's use of steroids.

The statue was to be bronzed and installed outside the National Sports and Recreation Centre in Ottawa.

The artwork, designed by a graduate student at the University of Toronto, is still art, "whether or not it's Ben Johnson or anyone else," says a U of T media relations officer.

The sculpture was on display at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto while it was being sculpted.

Johnson represented Canada at the Seoul Olympic Games last year, but was stripped of a gold medal after testing positive for steroid use.

*The Varsity*

### Jello prize in recycling race

(Waterloo) To fuel a recycling competition between the engineering and arts societies at the University of Waterloo, the losing team's president will be dunked in a bath of jello at a combined arts/engineering bash on April 1.

Students are collecting aluminum and tin cans for recycling, in spite of administrative delays in implementing a recycling program at UW.

The executive of the engineering society may also voluntarily shave their heads if engineering wins the challenge — a move intended to boost participation.

*Imprint*

### Sex assault of disabled reported

(Edmonton) Almost half of disabled women have been sexually assaulted at some point, according to a Canada-wide study conducted in 1987 and 1988 for Health and Welfare Canada.

"About 47 per cent, and often the events are repeated," says Richard Sobsey, an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Alberta. He says often the attackers are often primary care-givers.

Sobsey says there is a low conviction rate for such offenses because testimony from mentally disabled victims is not always considered reliable, and the physically disabled may have problems communicating, regardless of their intellectual capacity.

*The Gateway*

### Engineering paper cleans up

(Toronto) Reaction is positive to the latest issue of *Toike Oike*, a University of Toronto engineering student paper.

A recent issue drew criticism from U of T administrators and the local press over its sexist humour.

*Toike* editor Eric Matusiak said engineering students support the paper's new image. "I think that maybe people realized the time had come for a change."

But an administrator said the paper's coarse humour is "an acquired taste."

*The Varsity*

### Demolition derby

(Edmonton) Nine vehicles, including a dump truck, were damaged after a vandal went on a destruction spree at the University of Alberta's central dispatch garage last month.

The total damage exceeds \$200,000, but there are no suspects.

*The Gateway*

### Student newspaper seized

(Edmonton) Copies of a student newspaper have been impounded at the University of Alberta because the chief returning officer (CRO) says they are unfairly attempting to sway voters in the Students' Union (SU) election there.

SU officials removed copies of the *Student Times* newspaper from campus newsstands, saying all campaign material must be approved through the CRO. In addition, the Vice-presidents internal says clubs cannot formally endorse candidates in student elections. *Student Times* is considered a club.

Rob Splane, a *Times* spokesperson, says: "It's a deliberate act of censorship." Splane thinks the decision by CRO Mike Hunter is "a ruling based on gut instinct, not on the constitution."

Hunter is a past SU president. Splane is also a past SU member.

*The Gateway*

### Alcohol 'drug of choice'

(London) Male first-year students drink more alcohol than any other group and twice as much as female students, according to a survey conducted by the Addiction Research Foundation in London.

The study's author says high levels of alcohol consumption is "part of the rites of passage" students experience when they first leave home and enter university.

Alcohol consumption decreases from first through fourth year for both male and female students, but 11.7 per cent of students have more than 28 drinks per week, and 30 per cent have at least 15 drinks each week.

*The Gazette*

### TA strike resolved

(Toronto) Teaching assistants (TAs) at the University of Toronto have reached an agreement with the administration, which includes a retroactive pay increase of 6.3 per cent for this academic year, and another five to seven per cent next year.

The administration also made other concessions. The agreement was ratified by over 90.1 per cent of TAs last Friday.

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