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## Loan tax called "slap in face"

Fee introduced in August

by Wayne Morrow

Students who depend on Canada Student Loans are being forced to dig into their pockets to cover a three percent tax imposed by the federal government last month.

As of August 1, the "guarantee fee" must be paid before a loan can be negotiated, which means students must come up with the amount required before receiving their loan.

Dave Scott, a spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, said the provincial government does not support the fee, which he described as a "regressive tax."

"They [the federal government] are doing away with a lot of their responsibilities, and I think this is another example of it."

Student politicians protested the tax at a September 4 news conference held at York University. Rob Centa, external vice president of the York Federation of Students, described the fee as "a slap in the face" to students.

"When the Federal government said they were going to collect this money to pay off the deficit, I think it was the biggest slap in the face students have received yet," said Rob Centa vice president of internal affairs for the York Federation of Students.

"The people you're taxing are the very neediest people. It's not logical and it's completely regressive," said Laurie Kingston, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students.

Student with loans of \$4000 will be required to pay a \$120 fee. Banks are not permitted to negotiate loans without payment of this tax.

According to the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, the 3% guarantee fee is "one of a number of deficit reduction measures" and is "intended to offset the cost of benefits received." The department also said

the fee would deter students from defaulting on their loans.

But Kingston argued that Canada Student Loans have only a 2 percent default rate.

Richard Jackson, a representative of the OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) office in Thunder Bay, said University students are usually considered good credit risks.

The 2 percent default rate "figures quite favourably in comparison with commercial loans," Jackson said, "this reflects how seriously students respect their loans."

According to Kingston, the tax is hitting students at a particularly difficult time.

"First we were handed an 8% tuition increase. This was not accompanied by funding increases, or by increases to student assistance."

"This has been one of the worst summers anyone can remember for student employment. And now this is going to be the most expensive year ever," said Rob Centa.

Marcela Rios, a fourth-year York sociology student who spoke at the press conference, said the tax had devastating effects for.

Rios said she took summer courses and therefore was unable to obtain employment for much of the summer. She only earned around \$1000 and was unable to pay the loan tax fee.

"I don't think my case is an atypical one. I know a lot of people who couldn't find a job for the summer," said Rios.

Student governments in Ontario are asking students to sign a petition protesting the tax. According to Rob Centa, the York Federation of Students collected over 2500 signatures in less than four days.

"This is just the thin edge of the wedge," said Centa. "What's next? Are they going to take away interest relief or axe the whole Canada Student Loans program altogether?"



DAVID SUTHERLAND

A festival of lineup culture. The postal strike graced us with our longest lineups ever. This gave students lots of time to think about fee increases, health care cuts, loan taxes, killer cops, crowded classrooms, and hairstyles.

## Students flocking to loan offices

by Clive Thompson (CUP)

The number of students applying for financial aid in Ontario this year has shot through the roof.

As of August 16, over 69,000 students had applied for aid under the Ontario Student Assistance Plan — an increase of 44 percent over last year's figure of 47,900.

Students and university officials say the increase reflects the sagging economy, which has killed thousands of jobs for both students and their families.

"This summer has to be the worst summer I can ever remember for student employment, and that hasn't been helped by the cuts to government job programs," said Laurie Kingston, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students.

According to Statistics Canada, Ontario student employment reached 15.4 percent this summer, with 87,000 jobless.

Tight financial times have also reduced parental contributions, forcing more students to turn to government assistance, said Debbie Mair, a financial aid counsellor at the University of Guelph.

"The economy has a lot to do with it, what with families out of work. And a lot more people are staying

in school."

Richard Jackson, an official with Ontario's ministry of colleges and universities, doesn't buy this argument. He said the main reason for the surge in applications is that the government simplified the loan form this year, making it easier and quicker to fill out and process.

The total number of applications — which can be filed until January — won't increase by more than eight percent over last year's 130,000, he predicted. Ontario has boosted its OSAP funding by 7.8 percent this year, bringing the level to \$220 million.

"We haven't found that people are a lot poorer than before," Jackson said. "At this time in the year, we attribute the numbers to a sped-up process, not a drastic increase in need."

But while Kingston and university student award officers agree the new form may have sped things up, they feel economic factors are also at work.

Kingston, who herself is \$13,000 in debt from student aid, said the number of student applications would be up even if the forms had remained the same.

"I mean, I'm a [loan] recipient myself, and I know that even if the form is a royal pain, you're still going to fill it out if you need the money."

## York may see strike: part-time profs, TAs

by Sam Putinja

Part-time professors and teaching assistants are resuming their contract talks with the university administration this week, but union representatives say they don't expect to reach an agreement soon.

Margaret Watson, chief negotiator for the Canadian Union of Education Workers (CUEW), said the union may have to strike to back up its demands.

CUEW is set to hold a membership meeting on September 17. At that time, Watson said, "If the position of the university stays the same we will recommend that our members withdraw their labour."

The most contentious issue involves the conversion of part-time professors into full-time positions. Under previous agreements with the administration, a certain number of part-timers are to be converted to full-time faculty each year.

In the current talks the university has proposed that this program be temporarily suspended.

In a press conference last week, CUEW representative Doug Allen said the union would be "very stubborn" in their demand for full-time conversion.

James Brown, a part-time English professor, described full-time conversion as an issue of affirmative

action because a large proportion of part-time faculty are women (who are often forced to work part-time while supporting children in their early careers), or people who earned their doctorates during the late 1970s and early 1980s, when universities drastically reduced the numbers of full-time professors hired.

"This is really a class issue... because otherwise [the university] is discriminating against a whole class of people who got their Ph.Ds during a certain period," Brown said.

Allen said CUEW's salary dispute is also an issue of equality, because the university has offered CUEW members much smaller increases than

York's full-time professors received last month. In previous years the university has offered both groups equal increases.

YUFA received a 9 percent increase in salaries and benefits after relatively quick negotiations. The administration is so far offering CUEW a 5.8 percent increase in pay.

CUEW also argues that this offer does not keep pace with the inflation rate.

Paula O'Riley, the administration's negotiator, argued in an August interview that CUEW members already receive better pay and benefits than their counterparts at many Canadian universities.

"They [CUEW] are entitled to their view," O'Riley said. "It is difficult for us to meet all the demands. The university is in serious financial constraints."

But CUEW is arguing that teaching assistants and part-time faculty should receive the same settlement as full-timers because they teach the same classes and do the same work, Watson said.

Watson said CUEW is also seeking progress on issues of class size and safety and security on campus. But she stressed that she is not optimistic about the pending talks.

"Major issues we want to see moving, aren't."



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## EDITORIAL

It was in 1976 when Tennis Canada established its national tennis centre on the York University campus.

Over the years, the centre has flourished, not only as a developmental centre for Canada's top tennis athletes, but also as a venue for hosting international events such as the Player's Open, the Player's Challenge and the Davis Cup.

It is because of this immense success that the centre has out-grown its present location on the north east corner of the campus.

According to Tennis Canada president Bob Moffat, York is a perfect site for the centre but its six acres is much too small. The centre's size is far below the average tournament venue size of 15 acres as is the stadium court's seating well below the average 13-15,000.

To alleviate the problem, Tennis Canada wants to expand its facility, and has considered several options, ranging in cost from \$15-70 million dollars.

While Tennis Canada has grabbed the attention of the York University Development Corporation, who sees the plans for expansion as a good thing for the university, the administration's reaction has been something less than enthusiastic. In fact, Moffat has said that the university administration has never shown much enthusiasm for the facility.

But why? Why is York not enthusiastic about giving Tennis Canada more land to expand its facilities? Land is not something that is a scarce commodity here at York.

According to York's legal council, Harriet Lewis, it would be a shame to lose the tennis centre's events to another location. The lack of enthusiasm, she says, is with the size and scope of the expansion. The university apparently does not know if it wants to give up that much of its land.

This is utterly absurd. What is wrong with having a tennis complex on campus similar to Wimbledon, or the United States' national tennis centre in New York. With a venue like this, can you imagine the turnout and publicity for such an event?

York is always talking about projecting an image, but what image are they trying to project here?

The university is currently undergoing a \$100-million expansion, but not one dime has been allocated to athletics. The last York-owned sports facility to be built on campus was the Tait McKenzie building and the ice arena, both of which were completed in 1968.

By denying Tennis Canada land to expand the centre, York will be the big loser. First, York will lose the chance to have a world-class venue on campus, which it will have access to as well. Also, think of the exposure the university will receive when the centre holds an event, exposure which York so desperately needs. All this would be lost.

If Moffat cannot get what he wants from York, then he will definitely take his act elsewhere.

York administration says it is Tennis Canada that has broken down talks, partly because of the failed Olympic bid which would have pumped big money into the university and the tennis centre. Tennis Canada says that the university has never been enthusiastic about the centre. Both sides seem to want each other, but why then is neither side talking?

It is about time both sides got their act together and started talking once again.

**Attention shoppers: It's business as usual again so there will be a staff meeting this Wednesday at 4 pm.**

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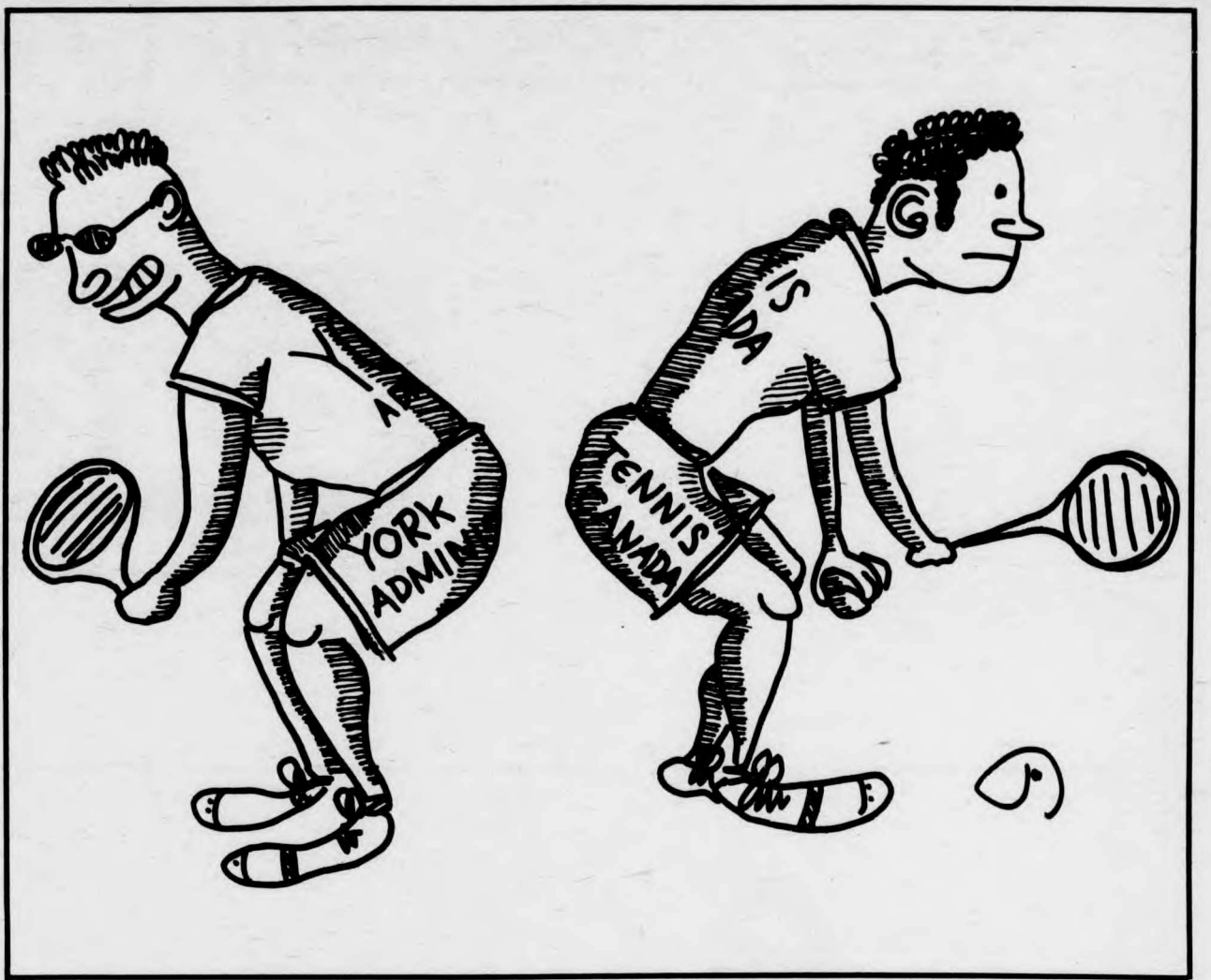
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### Letter steps into bigotry

To the editor,

Re: "Can You Say Extremist?"  
Monday, Nov. 5 Issue.

In his "criticism" of Faisal Kutty's article, Asher Levy went beyond the realm of objective criticism and stepped into the darkness of bigotry and religious intolerance. What, I fail to understand, is his point when he speaks of Saddam Hussein's behaviour in light of his alleged "relationship" to the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammed, peace be upon Him. If Levy's intention was to insinuate that Saddam's behaviour is that of the example of the Prophet, then let me remind him that Islam is a religion of peace.

Islamic peace and justice are obscured in the volatile politics of the contemporary Middle East wherein secular governments try in vain to live with their inheritance of a colonial legacy. Many purport to speak on behalf of Islam but a few have the credentials to do so. Religious history in general, bears ample witness to individuals who exploited it. Islam, regrettably is no exception.

So please, let's try to understand the politics of the contemporary Middle East in its perspective; much of the strife in this region is directly linked to economics (oil, Iraq, the U.S. and Kuwait), political authority (Lebanon), autonomy (the Palestinians) etc. and not to religion, though it is exploited as a cause.

We are proud as Canadians of the diversity of our backgrounds, religious and otherwise. Let's not use the present misery of the world (especially those parts that we relate to) to denigrate each other with innuendos and back stabs as Mr. Levy has attempted. For to follow his chain of thought

is to assume that the violence of the KKK is "inherent" to their "relationship" to Christ or to assume Mier Kahane speaks for Moses. (God's peace and blessing be upon Jesus and Moses).

Ebrahim H. Dhooma  
President  
Muslim Student Federation

### PM visit embarrassing

To the editor,

I would just like the opportunity to congratulate the band of "social-conscious" students who participated in the multi-media embarrassment that was Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's visit to campus on Monday, November 5. There very well may be grounds for discontent with the current government; however, isn't it possible for people who are supposed to be (in the midst of becoming) educated to be a little more constructive than to pelt our PM (regardless of whether you like him or not) with wet, soggy, cooked noodles? There are undoubtedly much better ways in which to deal with issues on the national agenda. It's really too bad that York got coverage on four major television networks, three newspapers, and most radio stations, only to waste it on students lobbing linguini at the Prime Minister. I do however see the making of a wonderful rallying cry for the "social conscious"; DISGRUNTLED CITIZENS ACROSS THE LAND... LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND PLAY CARDS AND PICK UP A BOWL OF YOUR FAVOURITE PASTA!!!

Hoping that I'll be able to live down the fact that I attend school with people who throw spaghetti in their spare time,

Yours,  
Martin Traub-Werner

### GST good in long run

To the editor,

I am writing to you about the incident in the FAS building on Nov. 5 when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney came to speak to the business students.

The media is very powerful in shaping the way we view the world. They play to the emotions of the people by providing film footage that they perceive represent the mindset of the country.

In the evening news that night, the focus of the reports were the student demonstrators that threw paper and macaroni at the Prime Minister in protest of the GST and its effects on student loans and textbooks.

What failed to get on the air was Mr. Mulroney's concern for our future. The GST is not popular because people perceive it as an oppressive tax. But higher taxes are essential to keep the money available to subsidize our tuition and to keep providing us with quality education.

We are in danger of losing our transfer payments in the future because a larger portion of our dollars go to pay interest on the government debt.

Once the budget deficit is reduced, our government will become more flexible with the tax and transfer payments, but it needs time. The reality of the deficit will not go away by putting off its repayment or asking the present government to resign.

In the long run, we the students are the ones benefitting from the GST with a higher standard of living and better future opportunities.

Yours sincerely,  
Alvin Tolentino



## NEWS

# Students urge NDP to stand and deliver



YFS makes its presence felt at the rally

By Jeannine Amber

Many students are finding it impossible to afford university in Ontario and they want the NDP to do something about it.

"I can't afford it, that's for sure," said Elizabeth Williams, a student from the University of Ottawa, "and my friend has to beg for money to buy food so he can go to school."

Williams, along with approximately 200 other students, joined in the "Stand and Deliver" rally, held last Thursday in front of the Minister for Colleges and Universities.

The message the students delivered was clear: the provincial NDP is going to have to live up to the election promises they made concerning funding for post secondary school education.

"We want to tell the NDP 'we listened to your campaign promises, we know what your policies are and we want you to act on them,'" said Tim Jackson, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students which organized the event.

Jackson is referring to the NDP's pledge to increase funding to post-secondary schools, implement an all-grant system, and eventually phase out tuition entirely.

## John Turner visits York

The John White Society and the Osgoode Liberal Club are very pleased to present former prime minister John Turner as a guest speaker on Wednesday, November 14 at 12:15pm in the Moot Court Room of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Mr. Turner will be speaking on the "Aftermath of Free Trade and Meech Lake." There will be a question period and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Turner was educated at U.B.C., Oxford and the University of Paris. He was called to the bars of British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

The former prime minister has had a long history of public service. Turner was first elected to the House of Commons in 1962 and has held seven cabinet positions including Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister of Finance and Minister of Justice.

Turner was prime minister of Canada from June 30, 1984 until September 4, 1984. He remained Leader of the Opposition and Liberal party leader until 1989.

Turner will be remembered for his valiant crusade against the Free Trade Agreement

through their own initiative and drive that students can work and afford to go to school," said McCullough, accusing the government of being unrealistic.

Both McCullough and Graham, received rousing applause and raucous cheers from the students.

Brad Ward, NDP parliamentary assistant, spoke to the demonstrators on behalf of the NDP party.

Ward discussed the past performance of the Liberal and Conservative parties and said "now we [the NDP] are carrying the ball, and we're going for a touch down."

Ward repeatedly stressed that he encouraged students to "meet with us and work together." However, he was unable to give any clear answers to questions about when students might see any of the policies put into effect.

"It won't happen over night," said Williams.

Despite being able to rally the demonstrators into chanting slogans, Ward had little else to offer in the way of concrete information.

College and university critics from the Liberal and Tory parties, who also spoke at the rally, were not greeted as kindly.

Dianne Cunningham, from the Conservative party, was drowned out by chants of "bullshit, bullshit, bullshit" when she tried explain-

ing that she understood the students' position, having university aged children herself.

Liberal critic Hans Daigeler had dried macaroni pelted at him when he tried to tell the students he shared their concerns.

Daigeler later told *Excalibur* he "expected a critical reaction, but the type at today's rally goes beyond what we've been used to."

"Obviously there are tremendous expectations for the NDP, and frankly, I would not want to be in their shoes right now," Daigeler said.

Students from as far away as Windsor and Ottawa joined demonstrators from York, Ryerson, Trent and Queen's at the rally. University of Ottawa had the most impressive turnout, bringing approximately 100 students to the rally despite the five-hour bus trip

each way.

York students gave a rousing show of enthusiasm. Regardless of the fact that the protest was ostensibly about tuition, York overwhelmed the crowd with cries for Mulroney to take his troops out of the Gulf and to resign.

Notably absent from the demonstration were UofT undergraduates. According to student Naomi Klein, UofT's student association (SAC) took a public stand to support a hike in tuition fees.

Klein said that the council voted to support tuition hikes despite the fact that an OSAP official stressed that no commensurate increase in funding was scheduled.

Tom Kostigan, president of SAC, was unavailable for comment.

Bill Graham, president of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, spoke at the rally.

Graham called for an immediate freeze in tuition fees, saying that escalating cost of education sends a prohibitive message to the financially underprivileged.

Kim McCullough vice-president of the Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation, another speaker at the rally, said that previous governments have shown very little faith in young people, points to the steady decline in funding for post-secondary education.

"You can't tell me any more that

In an effort to service the university community, Security Beat is being re-instated.

The Security column was taken out of the paper because the column was being trivialized and serviced the reader only in the form of entertainment.

It is the responsibility of the News section to inform and create awareness about all the issues on campus and security cannot be overlooked.

### Monday October 15

#### Theft-Parking Lot 1A

A student's car was broken into while parked. A ski jacket, sunglasses and a rain jacket were stolen. Estimated loss-\$290.00

#### Common Assault-Scott Library

An unidentified male slapped a library supervisor across the face after the supervisor attempted to get his license plate number. The male had previously been abusive when asked not to bring food into the library and refused to identify himself. The supervisor has taken the matter to court and a Justice of the Peace has issued a summons on the charge of assault and battery.

### Wednesday October 24

#### Theft-Curtis Lecture Hall

A student reported that a wallet inside a coat left unattended in Curtis lecture hall D had been stolen. The wallet contained a credit card and blank cheques.

### Friday November 2

#### Theft-Parking Lot 6A

A Sony portable CD player was stolen from an unlocked parked car. Estimated loss-\$600.

### Monday November 5

#### Impaired Driving-Intersection 5

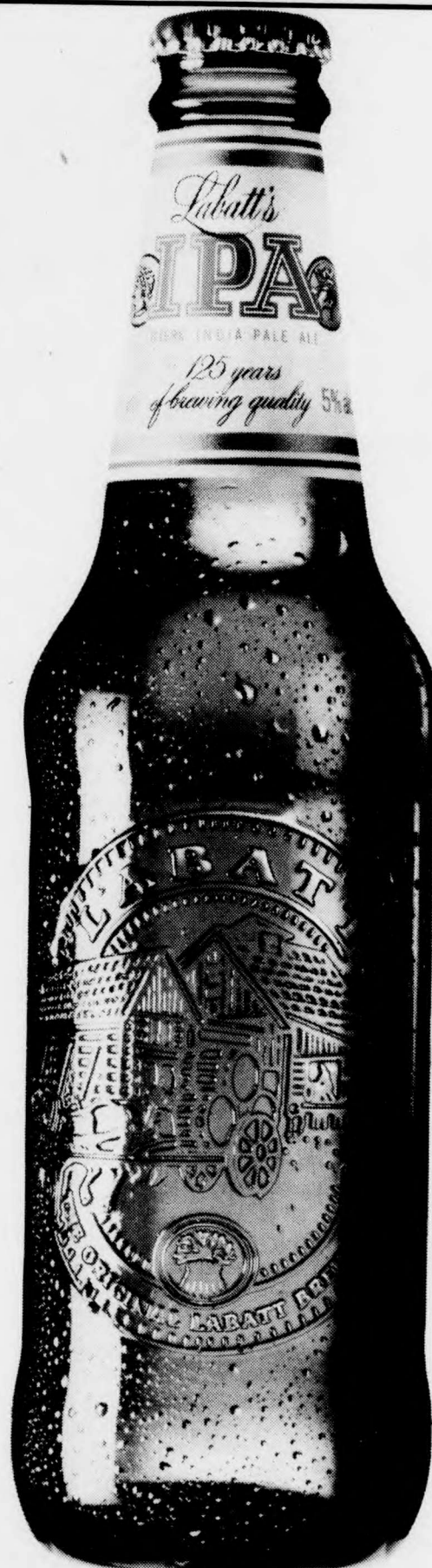
A car was stopped by security who spotted the car driving in an erratic manner. Metro police were called and the driver was charged with failing to provide a breath sample.

### \*Security Alert

A security alert has been issued for all students and staff to be aware that two or more individuals have been stealing personal items out of desks and unattended offices. The first is a white male, medium build, 22 or 23 years old with thin black wirey hair, who is scruffy looking, speaks poorly but has no accent. The second is a black male in his twenties, 5'9" 170 lbs with a muscular build, a short afro haircut and brown eyes.

The incidents have taken place in Fine Arts phase II and Atkinson college. The subjects will loiter around offices and desks and wait for the person or persons to leave the area.

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## ARTS



Illustration by Adrien Veningen

## INTRIGUE: in the Middle East

by Trevor Campbell

*Noble Sanctuary*  
written by Scot Morison  
published by Doubleday

Scot Morison's first novel, *Noble Sanctuary*, is a tale of intrigue, romance and human suffering set

amidst the tumultuous Middle East of the early 1980s.

The book's plot is a typically impossible love scenario where the suitor forces his point and makes everyone believe that the union can work. However, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict offers an interesting sub-plot that adds

tension and drama to this well written story.

Morison obviously immersed himself in the harsh realities that existed in east and west Beirut.

In particular, his detail concerning the land's pervading stench of death, and his description of the carnage cast a realistic image. Morison is able to evoke empathy and disgust without ramming over-blown details down the reader's throat.

The author presents his story by juxtaposing the present with the past. The present concerns Geoff's Middle Eastern adventure and his consequent understanding of himself, while the past concerns Geoff as the shallow, self-centred Vancouver realtor who has just met Nadya, his Palestinian love-to-be.

Morison incorporates a cyclical narrative that constantly refers back to previous scenes while adding layers of meaning to them.

As the hero learns more about himself and eventually about his girlfriend, his re-collections become revelations that endear the reader to him.

The story's political slant is offered from the Palestinian point of view in a manner that neither offends nor preaches. His tone is matter-of-fact verging on naive incredulity and reads like a historical yet fictional treatise.

Occasionally Morison's writing suffers from colloquialisms and vague images used as an escape from insightful elaboration. However these digressions do not happen often and rarely detract from the over-all competency of the writing.

*Noble Sanctuary* successfully piques the reader's interest before grabbing them firmly by their imaginations and racing them towards a climactic ending. Making it a good read for those who like a love story with a bloody twist.

## Little Green Men



is to come up with the score for a new alien flick. This is all fine and dandy except for one unexpected little catch; the score that Mark Deveron (Randy) writes, ironically ends up being signalled into the airwaves, via a telephone transmitter, and eventually reaches some interested martians.

What a delicious concept!

Once the martians get a listen to Mark's cosmic tune they feel the gruelling desire to beam themselves down to earth to annoy the crap out of everyone.

Comedians Barry Sobel and Vic Dunlop (regulars on Evening at the Improv) are cast as the two main martians responsible for the foreshadowed chaos.

Cameo appearances are made throughout the film by a list of comedians who definitely add humour to it. In one scene, Barry Sobel interrupts the set of a game show and fills the set with verbal "slashes 'o plenty" ranging from, "this (contestant) is so fat that she licks everyone else's fingers at Kentucky Fried Chicken" to the more simpler mock, "Nice tits on the hostess."

Now that's comedy even if it's slightly offensive and obviously cheap.

Believe me, after reviewing the calibre of movies that I've had the luxury to see, anything half decent is a worthwhile watch.

So what happens? Well, not much, but Randy Quaid gives an admirable performance as a strung out musician.

If you're looking for a quality film for a Saturday night, this is not it. But if your looking for some cheap laughs then I must recommend, *Martians Go Home*.

by Andrew Kyprianou

*Martians Go Home*  
Directed by: David Odell

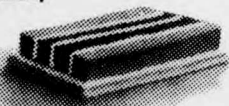
Finally a movie I can recommend; almost recommend anyway.

*Martians Go Home* stars Randy Quaid (*Quick Change*, *Parents*) as a musician whose latest "gig"

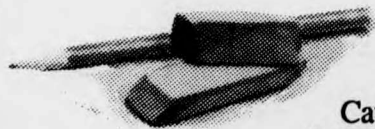
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# A DAY IN THE LIFE



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Osgoode playing field



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Last minute studying



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Getting to work on the entry pavillion



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Fresh fall air!



Napping in the common room



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Don't feed the pigeons



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Grabbing some grub



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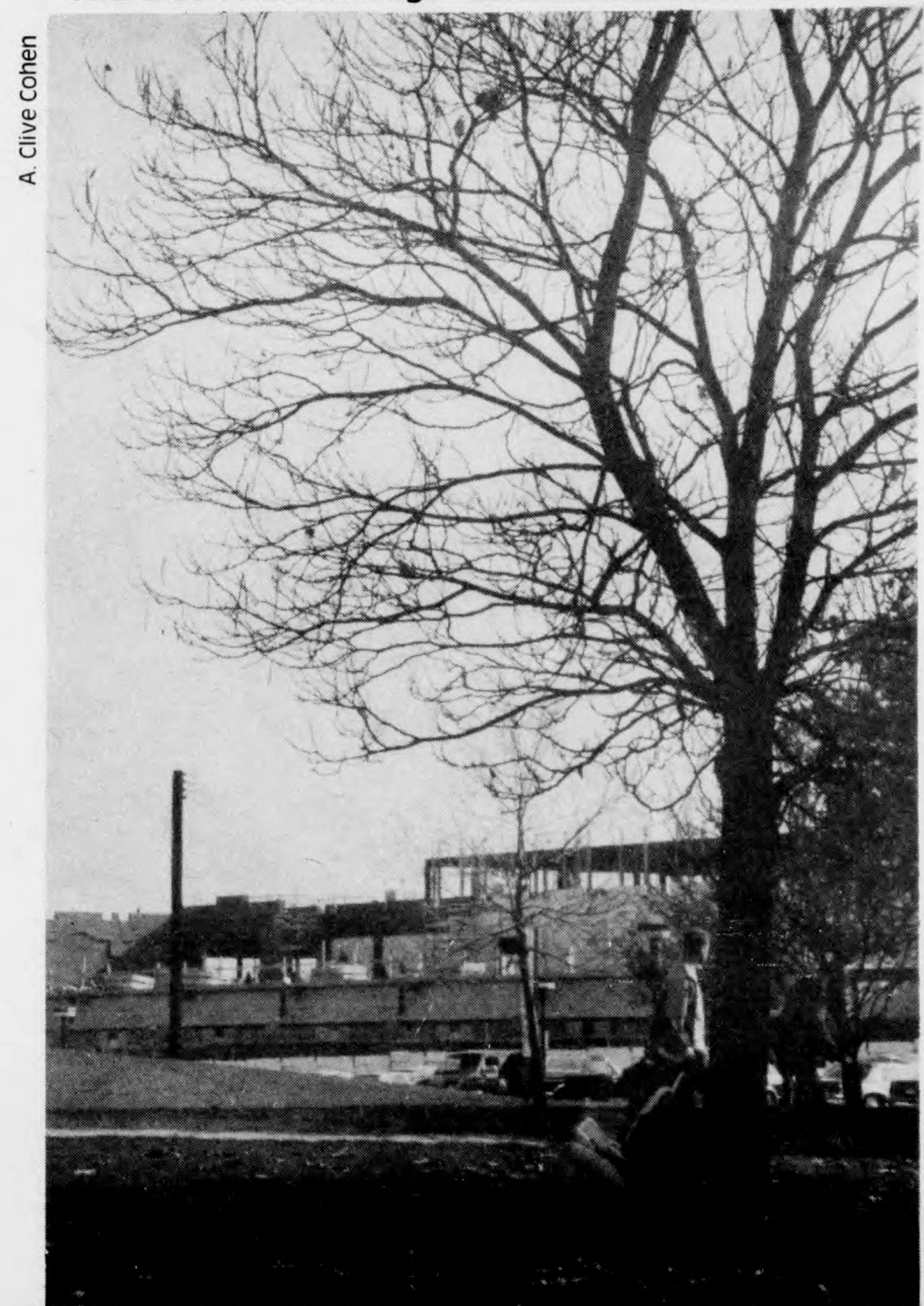
Scott line ups

Food's better back home



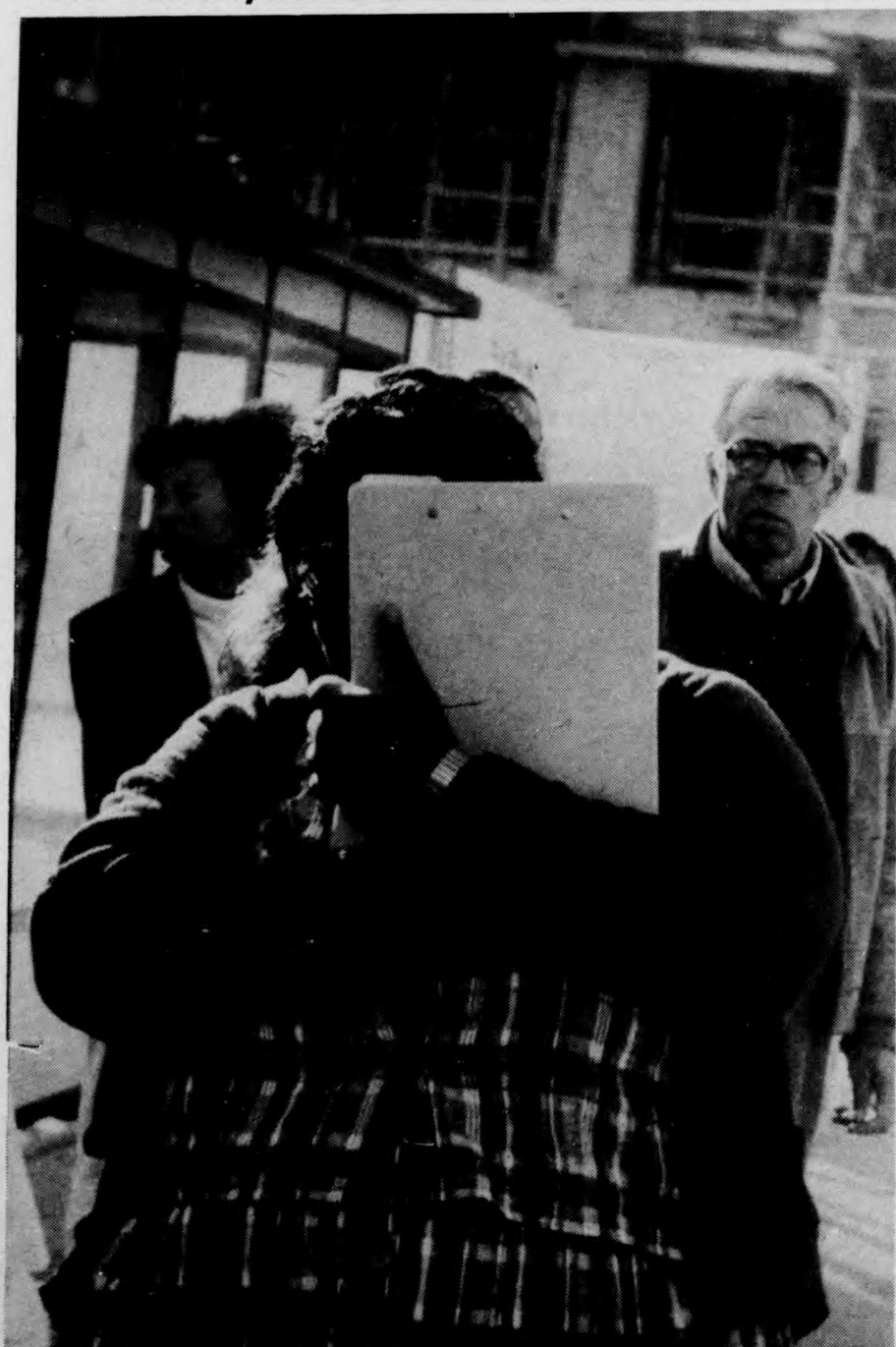
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The tree of knowledge?



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Don't be shy

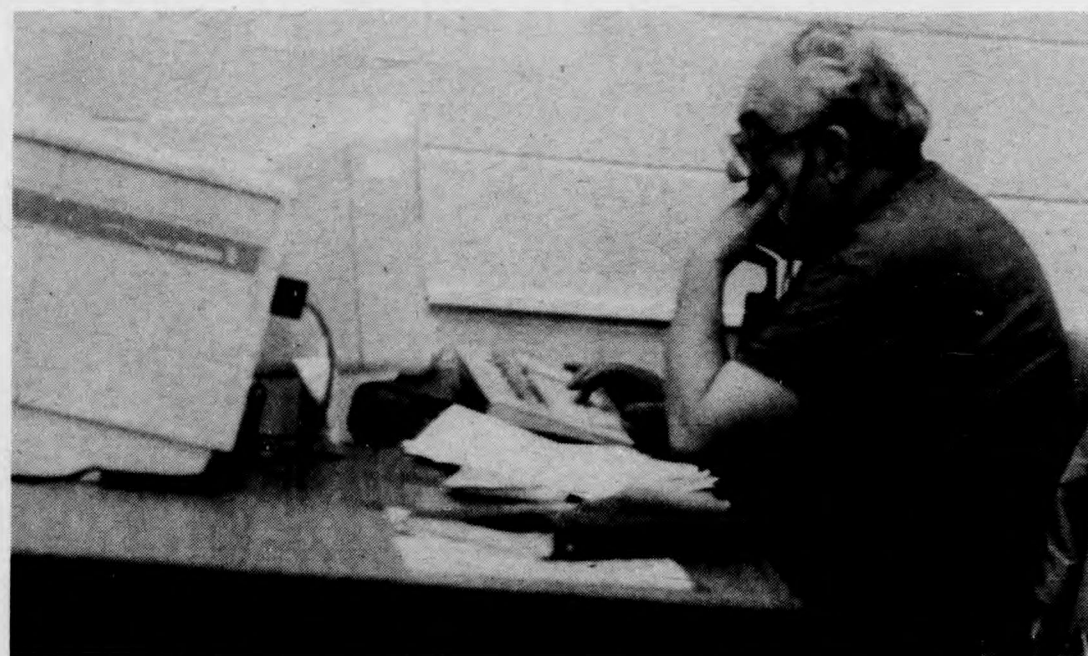


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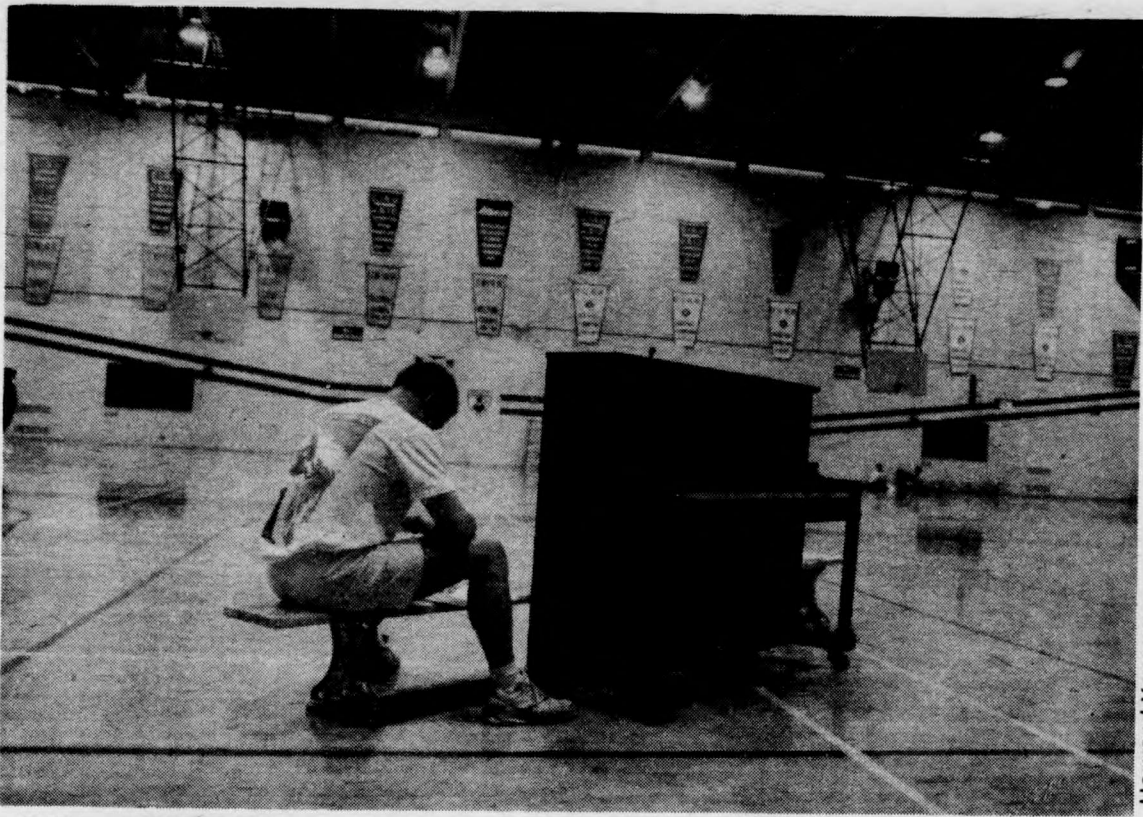
Keying in.

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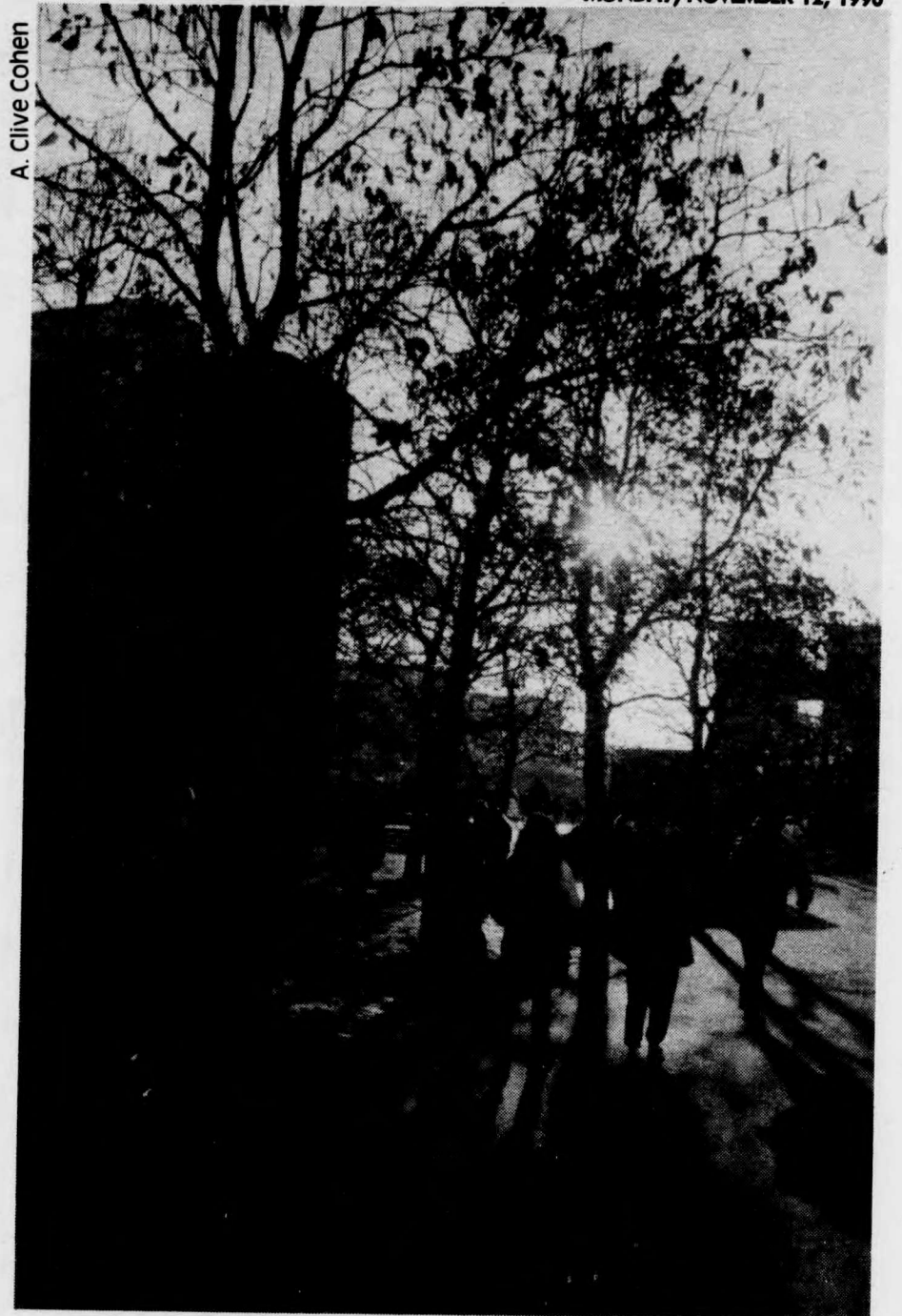
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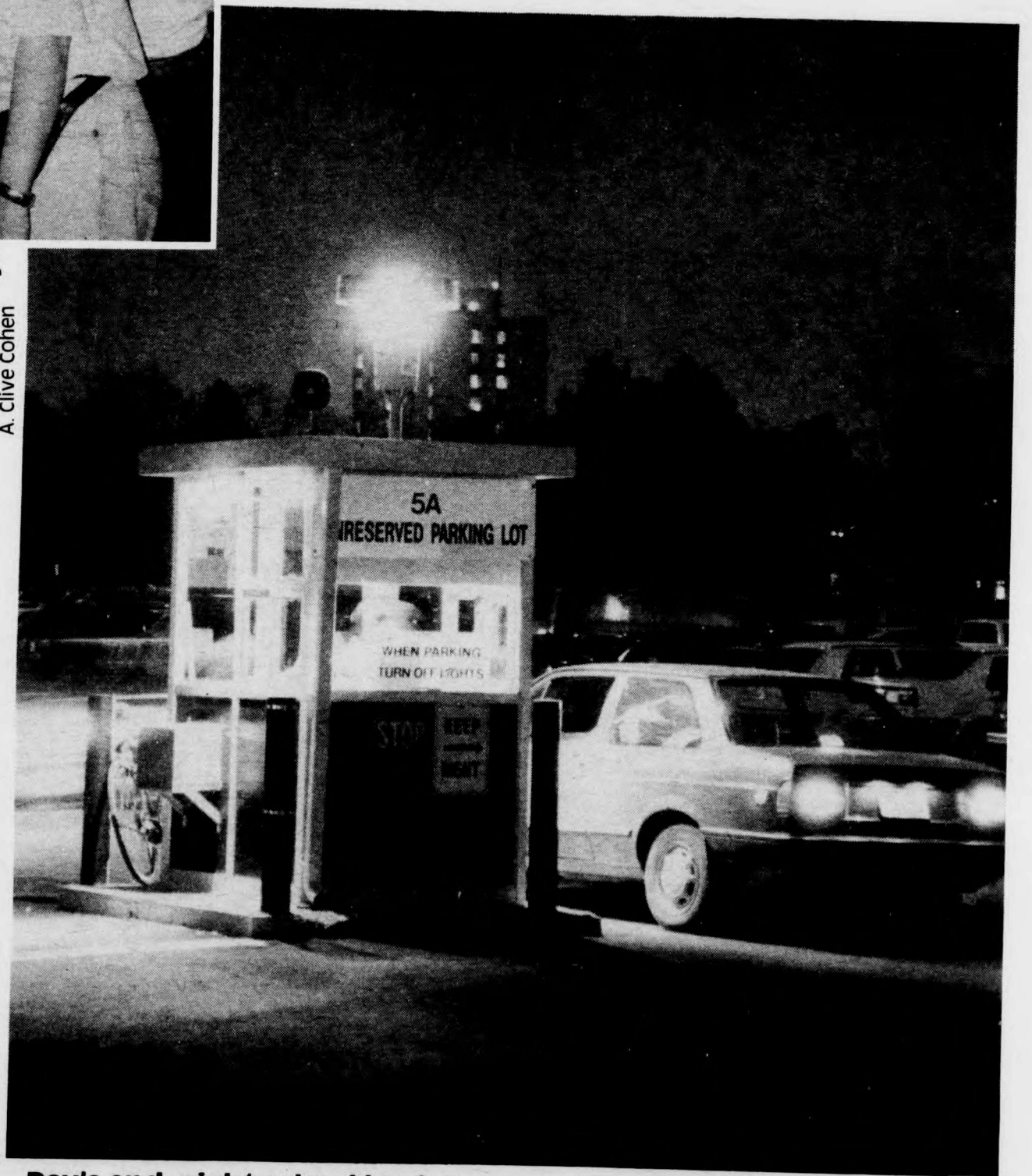
Lisa Weiner

Who are these smiling faces?



Lisa Weiner

Lapping it up



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Day's end, night school begins.



ARTS

AURAL SECTION

# Rock 'n'Roll Lives



Bruce Adamson

**The Cynics**  
Rock 'n' Roll  
Get Hip Recordings

When one starts to think about North America's rock and roll hotspots, Pittsburg usually ends up ranking closer to Des Moines than New York or L.A.

I can think of two wailing metal guitarists (Mr. Big's Paul Gilbert and Winger's Reb Beach) but until I heard the Cynics I thought I had heard everything that Steelertown had to offer.

Holy boilermaker, does Terry Bradshawville ever have something to offer! The Cynics are a terrific band, and their most

recent release, *Rock 'n' Roll* more than lives up to its deceptively simple title.

Energized, dynamic, confident and smokin', this album will undoubtedly send moms and dads scurrying for cover across the continent.

The Cynics burn through 14 tunes on this platter, and sound like they've absorbed everything good that's gone down in rock since 1960.

Vocalist Michael Kastelic's style and delivery is strongly influenced by the not-too-shabby-company of Ian Hunter, Jim Morrison and Eric Burdon. His lyrics deal with the usual love-lost-love found and teenage alienation themes, but Kastelic's great conviction and power make these tried and true

themes quite refreshing in contemporary rock's "politically correct" literary environment.

Bassist Steve Magee and drummer Tom Holn provide a muscular Animals style groove throughout, while guitarist Gregg Kostelich lays down killer hooks, twangy arpeggiated chord progressions and late 60s distorted death fuzz.

The tunes are catchy, dynamically varied, and never venture into the boredom zone thanks to the band's Ramones-like commitment to the magic two minutes-fifty mark.

*Rock 'n' Roll*, with its kinetic first take vibe and raw, rebellious passion proves that, occasionally, there is truth in advertising.

## Cup O'Joe



by Garth Hagey

**Shuffletown**  
Joe Henry  
A&M

Johnny smiles over the new 'musical instrument' his father bought: black, white and purple buttons all in a row. Smiling, he reaches out and presses the large purple 'melody maker' and boom-chaaka-boom, "I'm a musician!" the boy ejaculates with glee.

In the age of instant fame by the press of a button, people's mottos have become: "Hey, why learn to play an instrument when I can use my computer?" or simply, "Fuck 'em, I'm not gonna practice!" one wonders where talent and skill come in.

Hope comes in the form of Joe

Henry and a few other musicians who actually play instruments without any synthesizing, sequencing, mashing, trash-compacting, or any other aural alterations.

The exquisite sound of live acoustical instruments, with a range of instruments such as resonating guitars, violin, mandolin, upright bass, vibraphone, accordion, trumpet, and Jew's harp, emanate from *Shuffletown*.

With his own style of Flamenco Folk, you can tell Joe and his band really WORKED for their music. Remember those days when people actually worked for what they wanted, including artists?

Whaddabout the lyrics, you ask? With his Dylanesque delivery Joe nabs at your musical soul (if you still have one).

Avoiding fad politics, Joe deals

with more universal issues of love and war and hanging out in the church. Sounds cheesy, eh? Damn straight! Just call me "la tete de fromage", I like the stuff.

Some of the more mozzarella tasting songs contain lactose-lustre lyrics that stick to the mind.

There's the snappy "John Hanging" about fish singing in November, and the more serious "Ben Turpin In The Army", an interesting comment on war.

The cheesiest (like Kraft) is "Helena By The Avenue" a mournful kind of elegy of being trapped in different realities. "And if the morning leaves you/with just the afternoon/in the darkness of your room/ Helena you will know/the flowers are the first to go"

Too corny for you? Big bloody deal, you know it ain't easy bein' cheesy.

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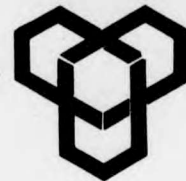
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# SPORTS



## Women volleyballers spike Ryerson

Team sweeps first season matchup against Rams

by Chris Mulchinok

Thanks for showing up.

That's all the Ryerson Lady Rams did in last week's OWIAA volleyball match against the York Yeowomen.

In a mismatch which lasted a mere 30 minutes, the Yeowomen demolished the Rams 15-3, 15-0 and 15-2.

From the outset, it was clear that York was superior in both talent

and size.

Leading the York offence were Mary Van Soelen and team captain Chris Pollitt.

The duo launched rockets into the Ram backcourt, seemingly at will.

York's Sue Craig, on the other hand, provided the team with some solid defence.

Afterwards, York coach Merv Mosher seemed happy with the

Yeowomen's performance.

"They hustled to the very end [of the match]," said Mosher.

Mosher did point out, however, that his team hit some balls too softly.

"[The misplayed balls are] something that we are not going to get away with against some of the better teams," added Mosher.

At the time of publication, Mosher was looking forward to

this past weekend's tournament at Winnipeg.

Among the teams participating is a side from North Dakota, a team which Mosher calls "respectable."

Also taking part are the defending national champs from the University of Manitoba, a team that the Yeowomen beat two weeks ago at the Tait McKenzie Reebok Classic.

## Blowout! Hockey Yeowomen shutout in opener

by Josh Rubin

It seems a bit strange to suggest that a team which lost 13-0 can be said to be improving its defence.

Yet, that is just how Debbie Maybury, who coaches the Yeowomen ice hockey squad describes her team.

Last Tuesday, the Yeowomen took on the UofT Lady Blues in both teams' regular season debut.

For the Blues, it was a chance to prove that they can continue in their position as perennial OWIAA powerhouses.

The Yeowomen, on the other hand, had a chance to save some face after a humiliating 7-0 setback to the Blues during a pre-season tournament last month.

The Blues, led by veteran coach Dave McMaster, jumped all over a porous York defence.

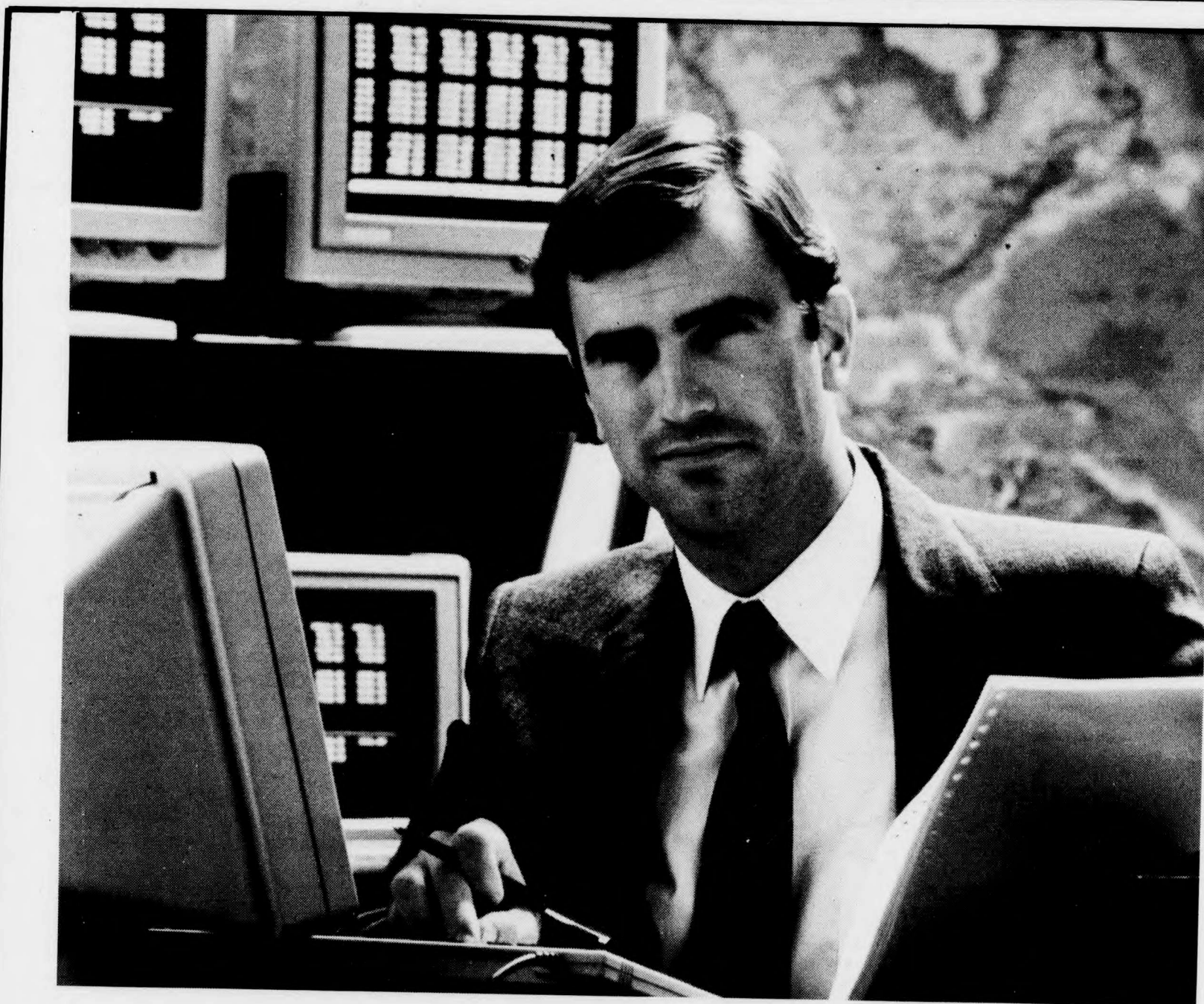
Not helping the Yeowomen's situation was their goalie's complete lack of experience in net.

"She's doing the team a favor," said Maybury, refusing to name the poor soul who took the job.

Maybury also felt the Blues were unnecessarily trying to run up the score: "They were trying to intimidate us."

The Yeowomen also had severe problems trying to put the puck into the net, something which Maybury acknowledged as a major concern: "If you don't score, you won't win hockey games."

Maybury says that her frustrated team still hopes to finish third in the OWIAA, most likely behind UofT and Queen's.



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#### Wednesday November 14

##### Hockey

Yeowomen at Guelph-7:15 pm

#### Thursday November 15

##### Hockey

Yeowomen at home vs Toronto-7:30 pm at Ice Palace

#### Friday November 16

##### Basketball

Yeowomen at Behrend College Tournament (Penn)-Sat.  
Yeowomen at Concordia Invitational-Sat. and Sun.

#### Saturday November 17

##### Figure Skating

Yeowomen at Queen's Invitational

##### Squash

Yeowomen at home for Can-Am Tournament-Glendon Campus-Proctor Field House (Sat-Sun.)

##### Synchronized Swimming

Yeowomen at McMaster for Figure Ranking Meet



# THE Riddler

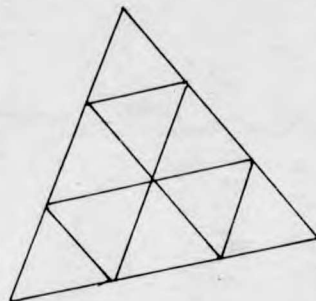


by David Gardner

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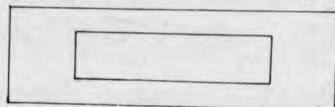
Dare you decide to dissect and decipher the dimensions of these three geometric gems? Of course, they're completely coherent, but can this alone cause you to conquer confusion and confound the Relentless Riddler?

1. How many triangles are in this drawing?



2. These are two apparently contradictory drawings made

to the same scale of a simple, symmetrical, three-dimensional object. One is the front view (on left), the other a side view. Can you sketch the object?



3. Joe Handyman, a man with a tool to fit any task, was hired by Lotta the Landlord to fix a hole in her attic.

The hole he had to cover was two feet wide and twelve feet long. But he only had his three-foot wide, eight-foot long piece of sturdy plywood with him at the time.

Ever so resourceful, Joe was able to cut his board into two pieces which covered the hole perfectly. How?

### ANSWERS to Volume VI (November 6):

1. Neil won.
2. This is how the Riddler reset the jewels:



3. Of course, The Riddler was correct. He added -64 to both numbers and obtained the perfect squares 36 and 100.

## HOROSCOPE

by Mary Cerisano

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**

Your generosity towards others today will brighten your own experience.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)**

Making that big purchase may not be a wise move. Keep in mind how difficult it was to earn that money.

**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)**

People change and so do friends; it's time to move on.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)**

Don't depend on Lady Luck. Go out and reach your own goals.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

Be sure about the decisions you make today because you can never go back.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

Seek and you shall find; so ask somebody you trust for advice about that problem that's been bothering you.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Someone you know is asking for your approval and you are aware of this. Be sure you're agreeing with him/her for the right reasons.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)**

Don't be afraid to let people see the real you. The results could be very surprising.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Your stubbornness can get you into trouble today, so keep an open mind.

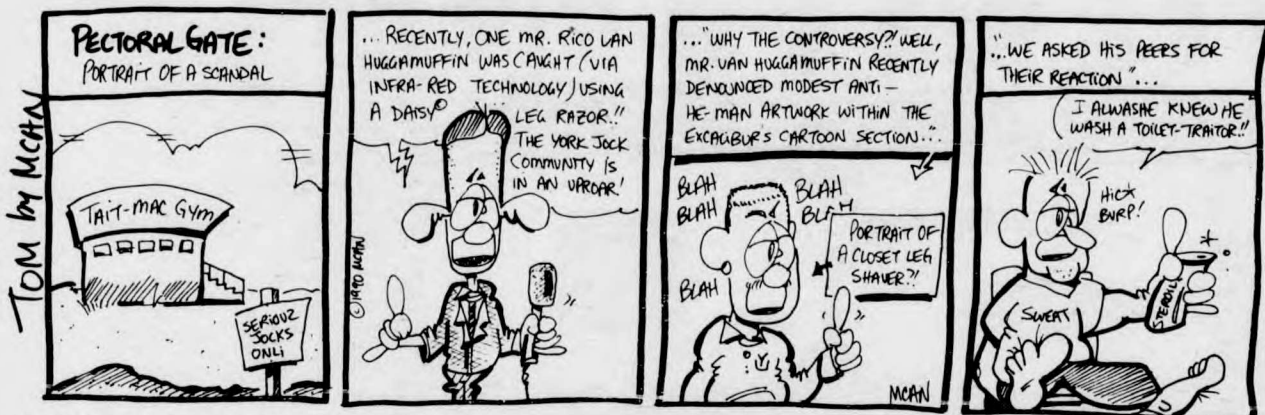
**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

This may turn out to be a rough week if you continue to procrastinate.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It's time for a change so get out there and create a new look for yourself, starting from the outside and moving in.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

The business world is in flux so keep an ear to the ground and be receptive to these changes.



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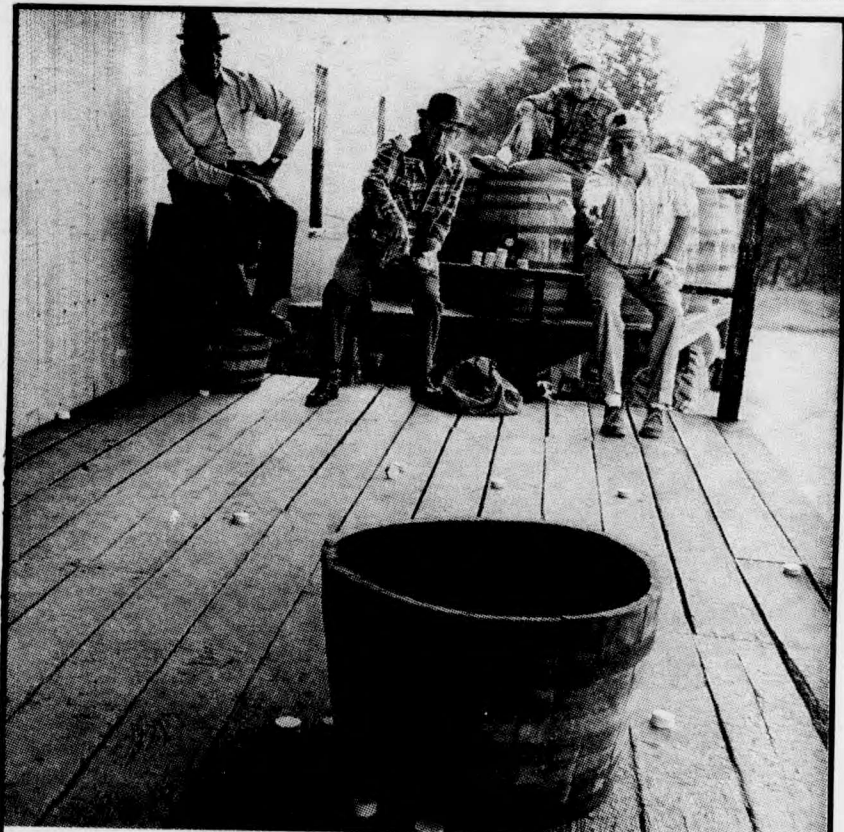
### For Pete's Sake by Roe



### Odyssey by Pinc (a cartoon response to the editor)



IT IS MY BELIEF THAT FORCING ONE'S RELIGIOUS VIEWS ON THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE THEM HAS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH CHRISTIAN VALUES. MY CARTOON OF OCTOBER 10TH WAS NOT AN ATTACK. IT WAS AN OBSERVATION. -PINC-



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