

# Christmas Banquet Victim Of Exams

by Brian Barber

A heavy schedule of exams caused the cancellation of Glendon's annual Christmas Banquet on December 14.

Organizers were able to salvage the event to some degree by running a dance as originally planned that evening.

The banquet had been an overwhelming success since it was begun nine years ago. This year only 30 people had purchased tickets by the time of the cancellation on December 12.

Stephen Lubin, V.P. Communications with the GCSU

and the chief organizer, blamed a heavy schedule of exams on the day following the banquet for the lack of response.

Lubin says that the GCSU plans to approach the Faculty Council about the matter.

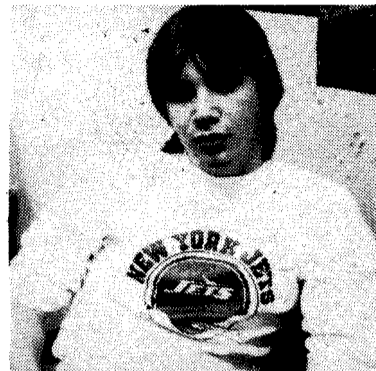
"We feel that if they (the college) are going to have an exam week then they should use it for exams."

Exam week did not begin until the Monday following the banquet.

He said that cancellation was one of the several options that were open to

him at the time. The GCSU could have taken a chance on last minute ticket sales reaching the expected 175 total.

Another possibility that was considered was the



Stephen Lubin

sale of 100 tickets, the minimum number agreed to with the caterers, Beaver Foods.

Both of these options were passed over in favour of cancellation, after discussions with Principal David McQueen and Dean of Students Ron Sabouring.

"Don Slaunwhite (Beaver Foods Manager at Glendon) was really good about the whole thing," said Lubin. "He only charged us about \$50 for cancelling out, even though he had ordered all the food and had to send it back."

The evening's opening event, a wine and cheese party in the Principal's apartment went on as scheduled and was well attended.

The dance, which featured local rock band, Bond, saw nearly 250 people rip up the floor in celebration of the season.

With this kind of attendance at the other scheduled events, it is possible that the \$11.00 ticket price (\$8.00 for the banquet and \$3.00 for the dance) may have deterred people. The charge was \$2.00 more than last year's admission price.

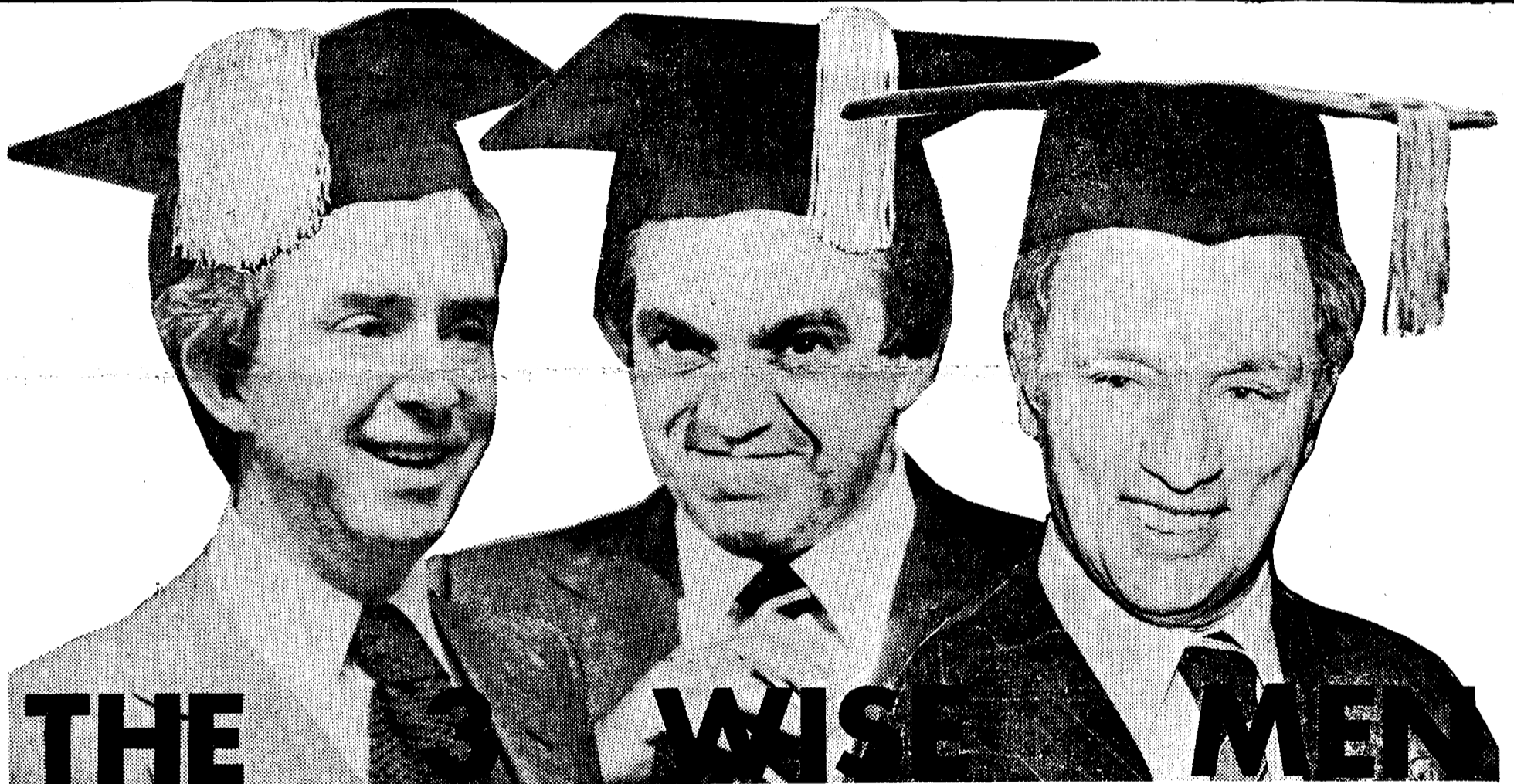
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## THE WISE MEN

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## Winter Weekend Is Coming

by Joseph M. Holmes

Glendon's annual Winter Weekend celebrations are just around the corner, and this year promises to be one of the best yet. For starters, we'll be getting four days of wild abandon and freedom from inhibitions instead of the merely 72 hours of previous years.

Starting on Wednesday the 31st and continuing non-stop until they crash pell-mell into Sunday February 4, the activities will amaze and astound your sensibilities (muddled though they may be with the beverages Glendonites trad-

itionally consume on these occasions).

One of the favourite events is sure to be the mammoth competitions of the Glendon Pentathlon, a series of events in which teams composed of ten participants battle their way to the number one spot in such exotic and fascinating pursuits as: Boat Races, Wrist Wrestling, and Ball Hockey in the Pit (better wear your armour for this one). For a complete list of the competitions and the times and places of each, just pick up one of those funny blue Glendon calendars hanging around. If you

can't find one, just drop into the GCSU office, they'll be glad to help you. If you are so suicidal that you want to join a team just contact Tim Hyslop or Pat Sims by January 29 (you can reach these two through the GCSU too). The prizes alone make it worthwhile to enter, so get going!!

For those non-athletic, intellectual types, there's culture too! Thursday, Friday and Saturday will rock to the sounds of, respectively, Abbey Road, Max Mouse and the Gorillas, and the GRE!

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## Pub Has Record Breaking Term



Pub staff partake in instant redecorating activities during  
December party

Photo: Phil Roche

by Joseph Holmes

The Café de la Terrasse  
has broken all previous  
records with its monu-

mental peak in profits in  
the last four months of  
1978. Ian Loveless, Café  
manager, reports the Pub  
has conducted nearly  
\$57,000 worth of business  
in the first term of this  
school year, which puts  
profit margins for the per-  
iod in excess of \$7,000  
before depreciation.

The peak in business,  
however, puts the Café in  
a rather awkward position,  
for the Pub is supposed to  
be a non-profit business;  
management is now exam-  
ining ways to return this  
money to the students, and  
several proposals to be  
raised at the next Café  
board meeting will sug-  
gest new procedures and  
services aimed at utiliz-  
ing profits.

Included in those pro-  
posals will be a motion to  
lower the Café's prices  
by an average 5 cents per  
item. Although food pr-  
ices have risen, most

notably bread and milk  
prices. Loveless predicts  
the food prices charged by  
the Pub will fall, decre-  
asing profits by an estimat-  
ed \$3,000. Alcoholic  
beverages, the commod-  
ity which yields the most  
profit will almost certainly  
decrease in price by an as  
yet undetermined amount.  
In addition to this, "happy  
nights" will be instituted.  
If accepted by the Café  
Board of Directors, these  
evenings would feature re-  
duced prices on alcoholic  
beverages, and would possi-  
bly feature live entertain-  
ment.

New equipment costs can  
no longer be expected  
to absorb profits, as they  
have in the past, as all  
the Café's present equip-  
ment is in perfect working  
condition and is being regu-  
larly insured under the heading  
"depreciation". Deprecia-  
tion costs, which reduced  
last term's profit of \$7,000  
to just over \$6,000, are  
regular payments which the  
Café pays itself, when equ-  
ipment breaks down, the  
cost of new equipment is  
paid for by the depreci-  
ation fund. Therefore, the  
\$2,400 which the Café spent  
over the holidays on the  
renovations and new sand-  
wich units is money al-  
ready budgeted for.

Those renovations, which  
were necessitated after  
last term's party when  
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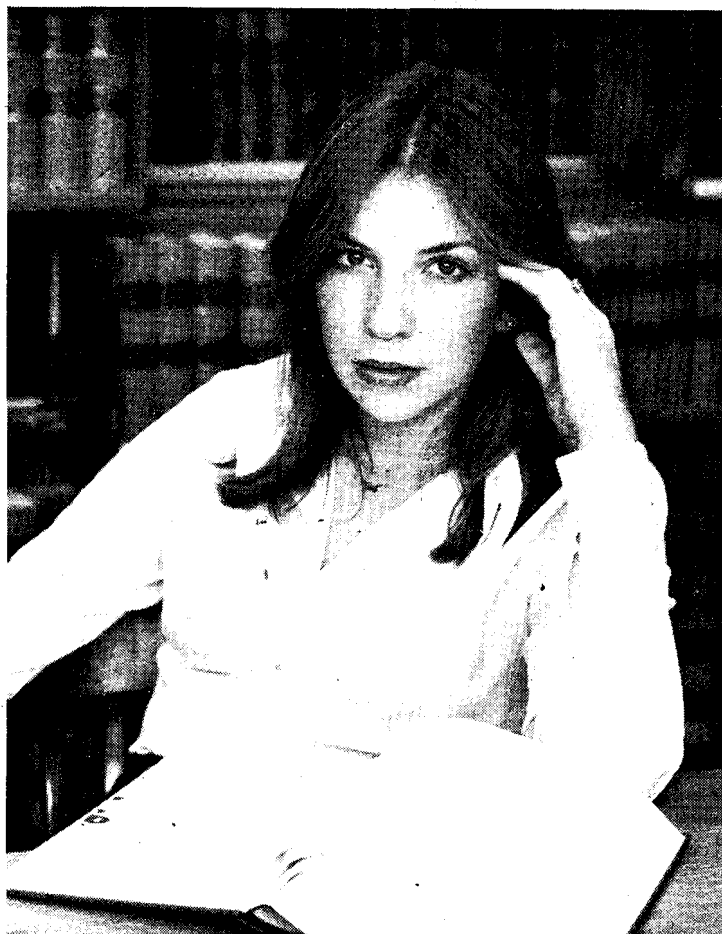
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# Women's Liberation: Tied To A Fickle Economy

by Jennifer Robinson  
of the McGill Daily for CUP

You say we've come a long way, baby. Then why does the bedraggled soul who'd been a good cook all her life find the only payoff is a dirty oven; and why are women too moronic to grasp the intricacies of unplugging drains, feeding the dog and buying garbage bags?

Is sex such a big part of selling that our consumer society would collapse if we stopped exploiting women for promotion?

But portrayal of women in advertising and the media has improved. Now, after they scrub the floors off to their careers or university. More and more middle class women are portrayed as



dynamic brides who manage not only a household career.

Improvements such as media attitudes toward women lead us to believe that the feminist movement is slowly gaining ground. An increasing number of Canadian women are working, yet they are still grossly underpaid in comparison with man and the wage gap is widening.

Women are still considered marginal to the work force. Proportionately, there are fewer unionized women and women are restricted to certain types of labour, generally in services.

Women are lured from the homes into the economy during war and times of prosperity, only to be cast off again when peace returns or the economy



falters, as today.

During the sixties, when prosperity coincided with the popularization of the Women's Lib movements, the need for women's labour both at home and at work produced tension which affected the structure of the family, women's bargaining position at work and the ideas women have of themselves. There was and still is a conflict over sexuality, and more liberal attitudes to sex which contain a threat to certain aspects of patriarchal control.

Women were on the road to economic independence. For over a hundred years,

feminists have thought that the worth of women can be guaranteed only by economic independence. They have said that women's liberation should be seen on an economic level--that is, as the role women play in the economy. All feminists agree on that.

But the women's movement has always been split between those who associate the liberation of women with the coming of socialism and those who were content to believe the freedom men's women being man's economic equal, yet still respecting class background.

The dominant political emphases in the feminist movement became the latter: either to seek admission for an elite of middle class women into the

privileges of the male ruling class, or attempt to reform capitalism gradually on behalf of all women.

But on the whole the feminist movement has failed, mainly because it has only managed to satisfy the demands of the liberal feminists. There has been no working class revolution in the advanced capitalist countries. Some reforms, like the increasing number of women in higher education and in new types of work, the improvements in welfare and the spread of contraception, did not come as a result of mass feminist struggle. They arose out of changes in the labour market and can in most cases be attributed to single issue pressure groups.

"I thought that woman's victory would be linked

to the arrival of socialism. But socialism is a dream; it doesn't exist anywhere." the author of the celebrated *The Second Sex*, Simone de Beauvoir told Paris daily *Le Monde* senior editor Pierre Viannson-Ponte in a recent interview. De Beauvoir's latest effort, *All Said and Done*, portrays the failure of both socialism and women. "But feminism is on the right track" she qualifies. "Feminism wasn't anything, really, fifteen or even ten years ago, and now it represents a force; whereas I don't see that socialism has made any progress."

De Beauvoir feels that the countries we call socialist are really not, and explains that in these countries the status of women is no better than in capitalist countries. In both women are working more --a step forward to economic independence. Yet women the world over are still faced with the double burden of their jobs and the responsibility of maintaining a home--cooking shopping housework, etc.

there is hostility resulting from the emancipation of women which makes men more aggressive and dangerous than ever."

Emancipation of women has been minimal however, and confines itself primarily to the sexual sphere because of advances such as contraception and improved abortion laws. But real emancipation takes place in the workplace, in women's chance to find meaningful work and lead

a connection between the coming of socialism and the emancipation of women her socialist background shines through. "Our objective as radical feminists is not to take the place of men and to replicate their faults. The special qualities are the result of their oppression: women don't have the sense of their own seriousness or of the role to be played that men do; they don't have that frantic competition and taste for power."

Despite increasing numbers of careers opening up for women, women don't usually play a secondary role within their professions. Few women lawyers will become independent, but will remain assistants in a male lawyer's office.

"The same applies for women doctors: they will be more or less confined to pediatrics or community medicine, and they will enjoy less esteem than doctors in general. To the extent that more women go into a career, the career decreases in value."

The biggest danger arises when women succeed in a professional sphere. They often lose solidarity with other women and think that since they have succeeded, any women can. "This is absolutely untrue, because if one woman succeeds it is through luck or birth or money, and it doesn't prove that the situation of women has changed," she explains.

De Beauvoir believes that feminists should demand identical conditions for men and women, especially in the workplace, and that feminists should not struggle to take the place of men but to change the world as set up by men.

To achieve this, de Beauvoir is relying on the continuation of the feminist movement--gains in the areas of contraception, abortion, salary, job opportunity, shared housework, etc. Only true feminist groups exerting pressure can make major strides she maintains. Left wing political parties are not any more favourable toward women than right wing--women are treated like men's subordinates.

Simone de Beauvoir, one of the world's oldest and most celebrated feminists, has not seen major strides toward the emancipation and equality of women. Her recent books depict mostly broken, unhappy women. "I did so," she says, "because that is how I see and feel today's feminine condition." It is a slow process.

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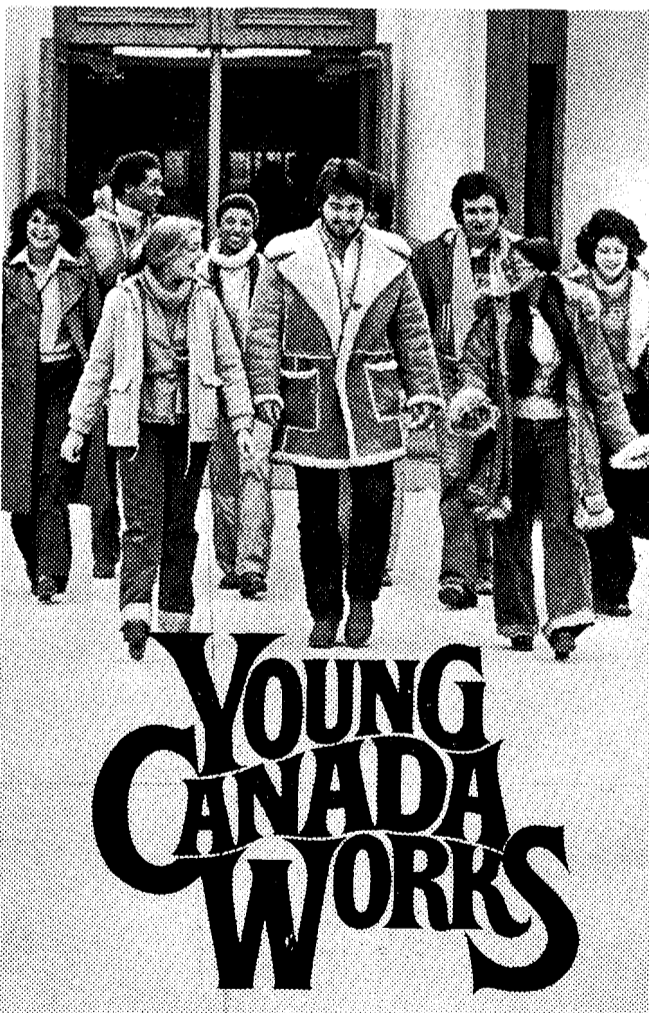
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Things have even worsened in France, de Beauvoir tells *Le Monde*, and her statements hold true for North America as well. "There are many more crimes of violence by men against women," she says, and offers the explanation,

a successful life. "Some women have been promoted. We feminists call them token women because they are exceptions..." But de Beauvoir warns of the dangers of emancipation in the workplace and although she denies



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## Editorial

The poisonous hate of "good, God-fearing" Torontoians is once again raising its ugly head.

The Body Politic trial is the catalyst for this.

Religious zealots and reactionaries are turning an obscenity case into an unbridled campaign of persecution aimed at homosexuals.

The case before the courts is not one of whether or not homosexuality is illegal, although there appear to be some who would like this to be, but rather whether or not a publication, that happens to be aimed at the homosexual populace of the city, is guilty of distributing obscene material through the mails.

Through some twisted sense of logic, gay baiters are equating the publication of a story on pedo-

philia (entitled Men Loving Boys Loving Men) with a universal threat of child molestation from gays.

(Surely this conclusion could not have been arrived at had the newspaper been one that catered to the strait community.)

Religious hypocrites have organized public meetings and appeared on television, ostensibly to further their Christian philosophy of love and kindness, but instead they preach the kind of virulent hate that their proclaimed faith is supposed to deplore.

As a result, responsible people who have openly acknowledged their homosexuality are being threatened at work, on the streets and at home.

Ironic isn't it how they defile the teachings of the Book that they so glibly quote from?

Abrief note, so that we can flaunt ourselves....

As you are probably aware, this journal is running a little short on cash these days, so in an attempt to generate a little revenue we are presenting Max Mouse and the Gorillas for simian dancing pleasure during Winter Weekend.

Max and his boys have driven audiences crazy in their past appearances here at Glendon. Now, with a jam-packed ODH to swing in (instead of the pub) they'll go coconuts.

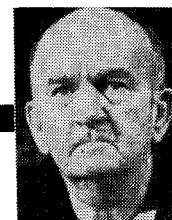
They've just returned from a jaunt to New York, where they garnered the locals' attention by setting up their stuff and playing in front of the Bottom Line (really!). Max even played inside on stage with Ian Drury, Wreckless Eric and the rest of the performers on the British Stiff Records' "Be Stiff" tour.

So Mark Friday February 2 down on your calendar as the night to go ape with Max Mouse and the Gorillas.

**BIG AL'S**

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## At Queen's Park

by Gord Cochrane

Despite some major setbacks which demonstrated the vulnerability of the minority Davis government during 1978, the 35th year of Progressive Conservative rule in Ontario has come to a close with no hint of an imminent change of government.

The year saw the exit from the provincial scene of two very prominent cabinet ministers and two leading opposition politicians along with the election of a new NDP leader.

In January, Premier Davis shuffled the cabinet for the first of three times during the year. Purged in the shuffle were two of the most controversial ministers, James Taylor and Margaret Scrivener. New to the cabinet in the first month of 1978 were Reuben Baetz of Ottawa and Lorene Maeck of Parry Sound.

### New NDP Leader

February saw the surprise election of Ottawa-area MPP Michael Cassidy as leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party. He easily upset the highly-touted Ian Deans after impressive convention appearances. Oshawa member Michael Breaugh finished third in the three-man field after appearing less than serious in his convention speeches.

### OHIP Premiums Hiked

In March, then provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough brought down a budget containing few surprises other than a staggering 37.5 per cent hike in health insurance premiums. The opposition reacted angrily to the increase. Michael Cassidy called the hike a \$271 million tax while Stuart Smith said it was unjust, unfair, and very regressive. The Liberals and the NDP questioned the cabinet's right to unilaterally increase premiums without the approval of the Legislature.

By April, the NDP and the Liberals were threatening to defeat the budget which would have necessitated an election. However, McKeough, who had not been known as the most conciliatory Tory wandering the corridors at Queen's Park, made a major flip-flop. He halved the proposed increase and in return announced several budget cuts to balance the loss of the revenue from the higher premiums.

The retail sales tax was also reduced by three per cent for a six month period in conjunction with the federal government. The deal, which was intended to spur consumer spending, saw Ottawa paying two-thirds while the Province covered the other one-third.

May saw the publication

of a provincial government report which concluded that Canada is getting ripped off despite the Auto Pact. It said we are currently being cheated out of 25,000 jobs and \$866 million in direct investment.

### Property Tax Reform Shelved

Darcy McKeough announced June 8 that the government was not prepared to proceed with the long-awaited property tax reforms. The reforms, which would have lowered taxes for farms and most homeowners while demanding more in taxes from business and developers, were not perceived to be politically viable by the cabinet.

In August, Queen's Park was rocked by the unexpected resignation of Treasurer Darcy McKeough from both the cabinet and the Legislature. McKeough had apparently realized that his personal support within the cabinet had dried-up. Chosen to succeed him was Frank Miller. This caused the second cabinet shuffle of the year. Lawyer/surgeon Robert Elgie of Toronto was the only new minister then appointed. Given more prominent posts were Bette Stephenson and Harry Parrott. Tom Wells was transferred from education after six years to intergovernmental affairs - a new department created when the ministry of treas-

ury, economics, and inter-governmental affairs was split.

In September, the Legislature was recalled from its summer vacation to end the strike of Toronto Transit Commission drivers which it did after meeting for only two days.

The government also concluded an agreement with the Ford Motor Company to bring a new parts factory to Windsor. The company was given an outright financial payment to locate in Ontario rather than Ohio.

### Rhodes Dies in Iran

But the major news story of the month of September happened when Industry and Tourism Minister John Rhodes, a potential successor to Premier Davis, died while on a trade mission to Iran. Rhodes' death was a major tragedy and a blow to the cabinet. He more than almost anyone else had been responsible for the luring of Ford to Ontario.

Solicitor-General George Kerr was also forced to resign in September when it became known that he had telephoned an assistant crown attorney on behalf of a constituent. Such a contact was considered as the exertion of political influence - albeit slight - on a legal authority.

Named to succeed Rhodes in industry and Tourism in October was Larry Grossman. Brought into the ca-

binet in the third shuffle of the year was London MPP Gordon Walker.

The PCs also won the by-election to fill the seat vacated by Darcy McKeough. Elected was agricultural representative Andy Watson.

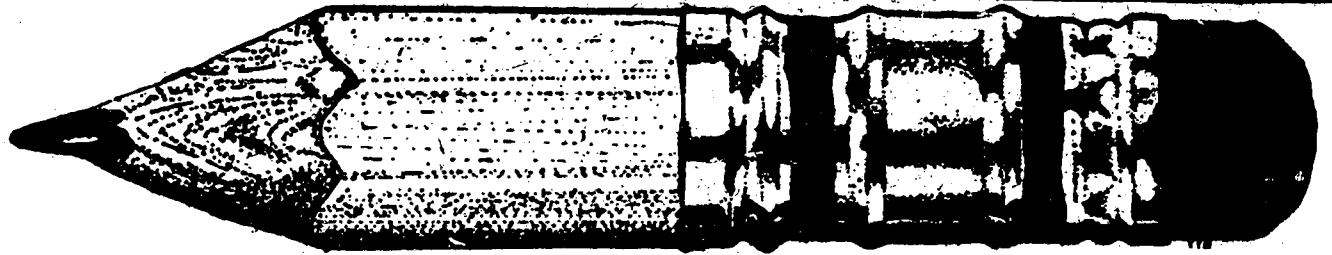
### Lewis Resigns

In November, one of the most respected politicians to ever serve in the Legislature hung up the gloves for the last time. Stephen Lewis who had been an MPP for 15 years - eight of them as NDP leader - resigned to pursue a private life again. Lewis, though, continues to have much political influence via his newspaper columns, and radio and television editorials. In his years as NDP leader he took his party to the official opposition status in 1975 only to lose the honour two years later.

December brought with it yet another Conservative by-election victory - this time in Sault Ste. Marie. Elected to succeed the late John Rhodes was Russ Ramsey. He is touted as a potential cabinet minister. And, veteran NDP legislator Ian Deans joined Lewis in retirement from active politics. Deans will go back to his old job as a fireman in Hamilton.

1978 was a slow but eventful year at Queen's Park. Stay tuned for 1979...

# Letters



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To the editor,  
 May I suggest that you change the name of the "Joe Cool Column" to the

"Joe Warm Column". As far as I know Joe likes pulling people's legs or making smart remarks. It seems he can dish it out but he can't accept it. Or maybe he misunderstood.

If so, then I wish to express my apologies for the delivery of the straight faced leg pulling comment to Joe Holmes. And I'll try to change my impression of him since I believed you could not tell him something serious without making a joke at the same time.

I also don't see why I have to take somebody aside and comment on their behaviour: pulling someone aside creates such a fuss. I find it, for him, much simpler and less embarrassing to comment en passant. If Joe wishes that I act as his social advisor, I'll think about it. My first suggestion would probably be that he clears up misunderstandings (?) before he prints an article in a newspaper.  
 Ron Sabourin  
 Dean of Students.



"Mr Grimshaw would like to explain about last year's annual deficit."



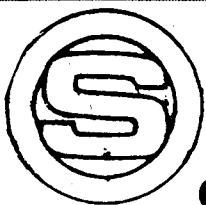
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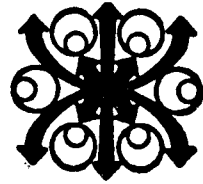
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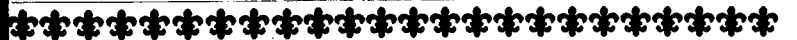
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# The Joe Cool Column

by Joseph Holmes

Hello.  
We might as well start off the year's column with a little review of the holiday proceedings; for instance--if you've been wondering about the change in the Cafe's decor, here's your chance to hear the amazing story of its startling metamorphosis.

Last December saw the Pub play host to one of the wildest Pub parties yet; during the night's proceedings Steve "Mad Dog" Lubin was seized by an uncontrollable frenzy which culminated with this person attacking a seemingly-innocuous sculpture gracing the south wall of the Cafe. Before you could say "Ravage!" the fever had spread to the other members of the party, resulting in the complete destruction of the sculpture. This had an immediate adverse effect upon Ian Loveless, our hapless Pub manager, who became deranged, attacking members of the Cafe staff with a fire extinguisher before being restrained. In retribution for this night of wild abandon Ian and other members of the executive staff devoted much of their holidays to the restoration and the improvement of the Cafe. So if you haven't seen it yet, go check it out, it's really

nice.  
**Random Thoughts On The Christmas Dance**

Best quotes of the night come from the best-dressed couple:

"I know my limit, but I always seem to pass out before I reach it."

--Nancy Corcoran

"Next year the Christmas Banquet will be scheduled when the least amount of rival campus events are present to detract from its success...say, June 23rd."

--Steve Lubin (That oughta do it alright, Steve)

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I caught a tiny news item in the Globe last week that mentioned the Canadian National Exhibition's decision to abolish its youth prices. The price scales now jump directly from child rates to adult rates.

The justification for this move, says the Ex, is 'if teenagers can afford \$15 for a rock concert, they can afford \$3.50 for the Ex.'

In itself this statement seems innocuous enough; however, if it's considered in a broader context it poses serious considerations about its wisdom.

According to this philosophy of pricing, movie theatres may feel completely justified in abolishing their student rates, and even in raising the adult prices -- if we can afford \$20 for a meal in a restaurant, why

not \$7 each for a movie? (already the Fine Arts theatre at Yonge and Eglinton has abolished their student rates - "only before 6 pm, and not at all on weekends" I was told. Now who goes to a movie before 6 on weekdays?) And why not charge students \$1 a head to ride the TTC to that rock concert? Why not charge \$10 to park your car? Or how about \$15 for a case of beer? The list goes on and on.

Perhaps someone should mention to the management of the Ex how dangerous it is to equate two completely different services in society with one another. (Maybe the Cafe should charge \$5 for sandwiches--look how much we're spending on tuition!)

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Pity poor President Carter. After all the poor guy has done to garner publicity he still can't get the year's all-important piece de resistance. There wasn't one person in Washington that would have bet against Carter as Time's choice for Man of the Year - then everything is ruined by the last-minute decision to pick Teng for the much-coveted position.

You can't say that Carter didn't try, though. First came the Middle East, inadvertently turning into one of the biggest fiascos of

the year; then there was SALT. No doubt ol' Cy Vance was getting ulcers trying to wrap up the talks with the Soviets early. Finally, in a move to make something--**anything**--work, he surprised everyone by announcing the China deal almost three weeks ahead of schedule (carefully timed to elude immediate repudiation by introducing it while Congress was not in session). And **still** he misses out on the kudos from Time.

There's no doubt that the whole Carter camp was fervently praying for their man - Carter's popularity in the polls falls lower every day, and the Prez needs desperately to make his mark somewhere. Johnny Carson said it best: "I don't know why the American people are so unhappy with President Carter - he hasn't **done** anything!"

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As if we didn't have enough in TV commercials to corrupt us, the advertisers

have decided that subliminal seduction just isn't direct enough. What do we get instead but out-and-out encouragement to spy on our neighbors!

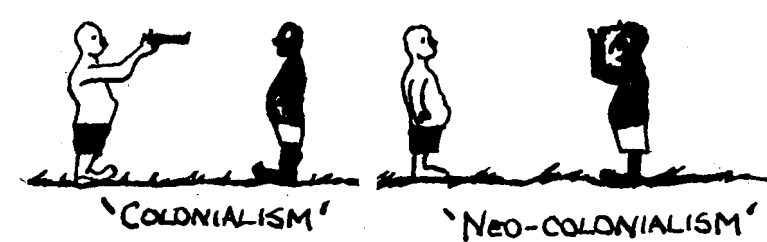
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See you next week, stay good.



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# Flicks: Superman

by Mark Terry

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Superman actually started being made far before **Star Wars** was even an idea on paper. Casting took up much time. They got and lost Marlon Brando several times before he did his five minute bit for three million dollars---the greatest heist in history. Word has it that Hollywood will soon begin filming a movie of this called **The Great Film Robbery**. All this is not to say that Brando was bad in his brief cameo appearance, he was anything but, but to get what he got for what he did has got to be a sin. The Superman casting crew also had trouble finding the right person to play the lead role. After Robert Redford declined their offer, they turned to Christopher Reeve who eventually got the part.

And he wasn't bad. In each of the two roles he had to play (bumbling reporter Clark Kent and the Man of Steel) he was equally convincing. Canadian actress Margot Kidder turned in a text book Lois Lane while Jimmy Olsen was all but unnoticed. Jackie Cooper as Daily Planet editor Perry White, can best be compared to an erratic, all-business Lou Grant. But the obvious stand-out in the film was veteran

actor Gene Hackman as arch-villain Lex Luthor. The caricature performance (characteristic of the film as a whole) was just what had to be done to present the evil genius accordingly. Glen Ford had the most touching and Oscar-worthy role as Superman's on-earth father, displaying a warm man-to-man talk scene with his "son" followed by a tear-jerking heart attack.

The film itself is carefully structured but awkwardly written. It begins with a complete history of Superman beginning with what his father did for a living -- he was a judge, gradually moving towards the time he gets a job at the Daily Planet. However the dialogue suffers noticeably, changing from slapstick parody to serious drama in a matter of

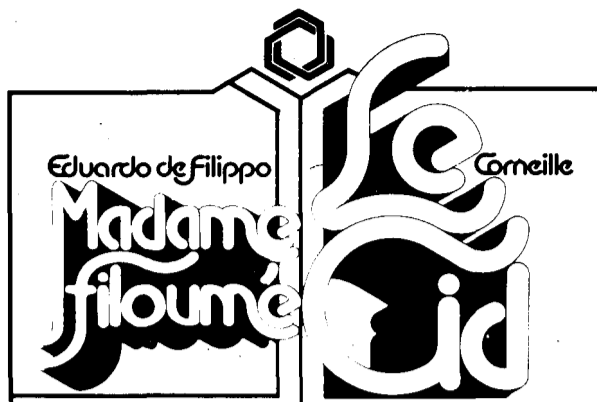
sentences. This costly flaw could most likely be attributed to the fact that **Superman** employed a crew of about fifteen writers.

It's also obvious where all the money was spent (all the money left over from cast salary, that is) --on the sets. Although the few breath-taking feats of Superman were impressively costly, the sets were figuratively and literally out of this world! The planet Krypton was a majestic palace of daggered ice, jetting out in mammoth proportions creating the clear and clean domestic dwellings for the people of Krypton. The Kryptonians are just about to face doom when we see them and Brandon's playing Chicken Little. None of the T-shirt-freak

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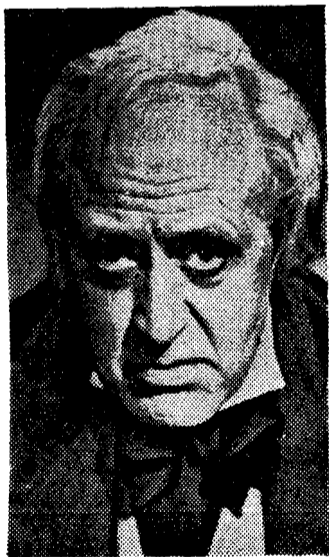
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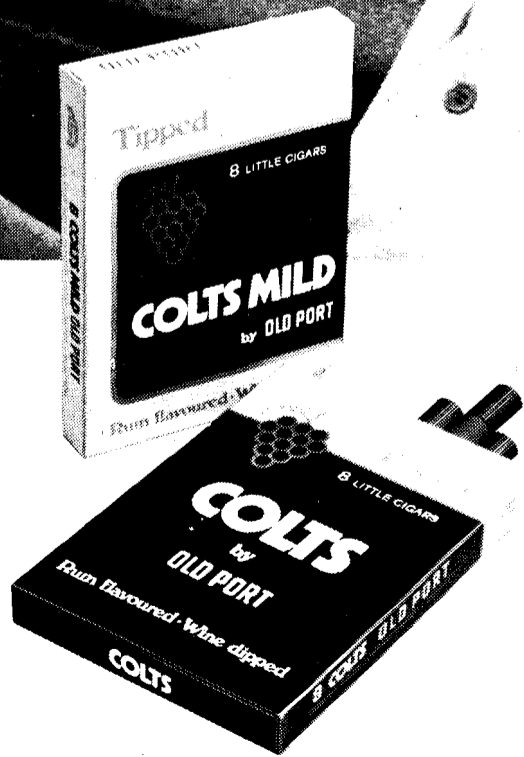
Alastair Sim in "A Christmas Carol."

by Joe Holmes

Hey! Quite a load of answers last week for the **Alastair Sim** quote! Appropriately, however, one of Glendon's most ardent Movie Buffs emerged triumphant. **Ron Stermac** wins a free beverage in the Pub with "A Christmas Carol!"

This week we switch back to mystery star with a famous quote from **Tarzan Triumphs** that brought movie audiences to their feet cheering every time it was shown back in '43: "Now Tarzan make war!"

# Colts. Great moments in college life.



On October 12th, after three intensive years of studying the theory of relativity, Wayne Thomson left his lab, lit up a Colts, paused, reflected, and decided to become a phys ed major.

**Colts. A great break.**  
Enjoy them anytime.

# Sports

by Ron Hoff

This week in the Coffin Corner your cheered-out and ever humble reporter eats crow. After stating in this space that The Toronto Maple Leafs were serious contenders for first place I have no other choice. I suppose if I was Dick Bedclothes I'd have to eat my hat. Luckily I hear one can make a nice crow pile, according to The Sports Writer's Guide to Humility, which, incidently, also says that there are very few good recipes for hat. Especially gaudily coloured ones. Apparently it has to do with

the dyes. Also catching the Coffin Corner this week are some N.F.L. notes.

At this point in the season it looks as though the New York Islanders are doing what the Leafs were supposed to do this year. That is, Al Arbour's crew from Long Island have climbed into the class of the league, right up there with the Habs and the Bruins. After a seventeen game slide the Leafs look like they's have trouble contending for first in the woeful Smythe Division (Canucks 5, Leafs 1) let alone in the Adams Division. The Leafs, along

with the Islanders, stood poised in October and early November. The Leafs went sour. The Islanders stepped through into class.

There are some simple, if unfortunate, reasons for the Leaf slump. One is Ballards' reluctance to spend money. Another is Nielson's conservatism (a far cry from the "innovative" Roger of a year ago). Still another is the Leaf scouting and drafting in the past five years. Finally there is the team itself, its mental attitude. And it is there that I can see some hope.

The heart of the team. Sittler, McDonald, Salming, Turnbull and Williams, have over the last three seasons watched the team get to the playoffs and then run out of steam. I sense an attitude among the nucleus of the team that they don't want that to happen again. And unprofessional as it may sound, they know how meaningless the season is. Based on the feeling I have about the Leafs in the playoffs, and a good recipe for crow stew I found, I'm going out on a limb to say that come play-off time everyone's going to forget about this slump, because the Leafs are going to surprise some team in the semi-finals.

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Speaking of playoffs, the N.F.L. wrapped theirs up this past weekend, and good football it was too. Accolades go to the Ram's defence: once again they were let down by their offence

and still managed, much like some Argo defences of the past few decades, to play well enough to win. Accolades also to Dan Pastorini for a 72% completion rate before the flood in Pittsburgh, and to Earl Campbell, for giving Pastorini the play-action pass. So, after a competitive season, and an even better playoff, we now have two weeks to think about the Cowboys and the Steelers in what should be the best Super Bowl in years.

Time once again for the Coffin Corner Call. So far the batting average is somewhere around .250. There's slim pickings this week as 'big games' go we're forced to the Islanders at Philly game on Sunday. The teams will play hockey instead of brawling but it won't make any difference. The Islanders will take it by a 4-1 score.

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## Superman (cont)

citizens believe him and the planet is destroyed, expensively it seems. Superman's flying isn't all it's made out to be as the audience's reactionary groans indicated. I still don't believe a man can fly.

P.S. --Keep an eye peeled for Army General Larry Hagman (formerly of *I Dream of Jeannie* and presently of *Dallas*). He's only on for a while but his corniness will bust a gut.

All in all, *Superman* is pure escapism at its better, can't say best because of the occasional flaw, but it is indeed "better" than most attempted escapist movies recently. If you should

happen to enjoy this film and wish there were more like it, you should be prepared for five sequels on the way: one already in the making, the other four on paper. As well, feature films of Dick Tracy, Spiderman, Little Orphan Annie, Popeye and the Green Lantern (whomever that may be) are on their way. Personally, the comic strip I'd like to see in film form is Doonesbury the G.B. Trudeau. So next Christmas be prepared for Star Wars II, the attack of the comix and least I forget, the three million dollar film.

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