

Profs could be sued for overcrowding

by Neil Godbout

OTTAWA (CUP) - Professors teaching in overcrowded classrooms may be legally liable for ignoring fire regulations, says an executive of the faculty association at Carleton University.

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Neuspiel, president-elect of Carleton's Academic Staff Association (CUASA) said CUASA brought it to administration's attention during an early January meeting.

The association was responding to a memo from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations warning of potential legal problems for a professor who teaches in a class he or she knows is unsafely overcrowded.

The memo refers to The Building Code Act which

states that the occupant load for classrooms is one person per 1.85 square metres. The memo also recommends that "faculty should refuse to teach in overcrowded classrooms."

Neuspiel said that administration may post new Fire Marshall notices, making them plainly visible to those entering the class since the old signs have been covered up over the years.

UBC prof turns garbage into student bursary

VANCOUVER - Geology students at the University of British Columbia now have access to a \$600 bursary because one professor believes in the principle "waste not, want not."

Professor Wibert Danner of geological sciences donated \$7000 to a bursary with money he raised by collecting empty cans, bottles and loose change from UBC's beaches and grounds.

"This fund really shows students what a waste of money it is to throw stuff around on the beach," Danner said.

Danner said "there is no stigma attached" to collecting bottles and cans and said he knows of other faculty who do the same thing.

But Danner's bursary, aptly named the "beer, pop, can, bottle, deposit, refund bursary," almost never got off the ground.

The Senate awards committee thought Danner's bursary title inappropriate and named it the 'department of geological sciences bursary.' Danner objected to the renaming.

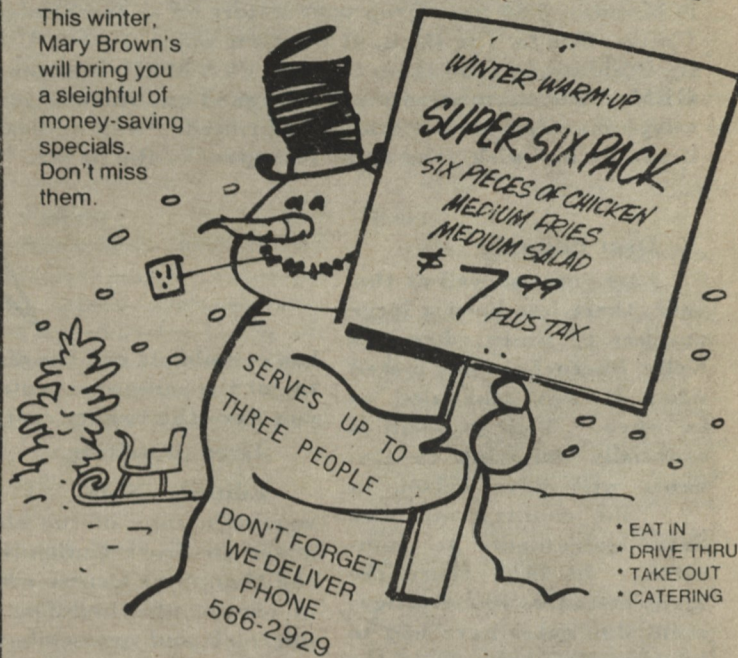


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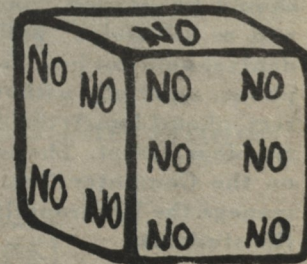
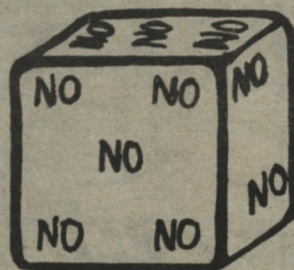
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