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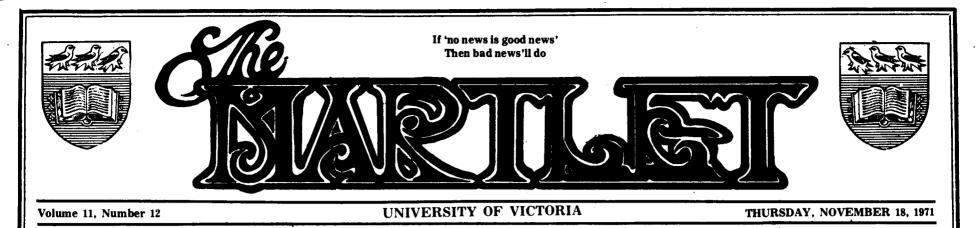


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State of the Martlet

by Bob Higinbotham

The Martlet will have to fold early this year or start printing a campus version of the Victorian Shopper because of a decision by the Representative Assembly to slash the paper's budget to an unworkably low figure.

The Martlet budget was cut to \$9,500 from their request for \$16,110 and it could have gone lower. Many members, unhappily criticized by the paper over the last few months, tried to lower the figure to \$8,000, but lost support when it became obvious that AMS Treasurer Paul Malnarich would resign. Malnarich supported the initial cut to \$9500 on financial grounds, while those who proposed a further cut apparently had political reasons based on vanity.

morale down

The upshot is this: Staff morale on the Martlet is understandably low, and it is the students of this university who will suffer from the council's decision. From a dismal showing in 1969-70 when the Martlet was seldom read outside the walls of the SUB, the paper last year gained a large readership here, in the community, and across the country. It became a respected newspaper on other Canadian campuses and garnered a reputation for outstanding investigative Advertising reporting. revenue rose and the paper was on the road to stability.

This year's staff was formed around a nucleus of holdovers from last year's Martlet, and with the quality of staff available and willing to work, Mark Hume decided to run a sixteen page paper every week. The expectation was that the student council would support the paper and its staff in the endeavour to publish as much good material each week as possible. Was it reasonable for the Martlet staff to expect \$16,110? I think not, but it was reasonable for them to believe that any negotiations to trim the budget would be carried out in good faith. In fact, it first appeared that they would be when Treasurer Malnarich told Hume that if he was going to recommend a cut below \$16,000, he would come and talk to Hume about it. Malnarich did not come and see Hume as he said he would. Instead, he recommended the Martlet be granted only \$9,500; he didn't itemize the cuts, and indeed, couldn't possibly know where to cut a newspaper budget. He just said that the total budget couldn't handle the Martlet request.

the shaft

If Malnarich is correct in this, then why was the Clubs Council budget raised substantially from last year's grant? Why didn't Malnarich consult with Hume as he said he would, and why wasn't Malnarich's proposed cut referred to the Publications Board, as it properly should be, for revision to a figure at which the Martlet could still operate and the council could accept? Instead, the budget was unilaterally cut, with no attempt to work out something with the Martlet.

Following the budget meeting, the Publications Committee got themselves together and had a meeting. They decided first that the Martlet budget approved by the council was unacceptable; that the Martlet could not function at even a mediocre level of quality, if at all, with that subsidy. Second, they decided that the Martlet request for 16 G's was unreasonable, given the state of the student union budget, even though in the past year, the Martlet had been conscientious in trying to balance its budget, where many other campus organizations and particularly the council itself had been negligent. The **Publications Committee took** a look at Hume's submission.

in a modified and minimum figure of about \$11,500. They also resolved to bring in an specialist to train some ad salesmen in an attempt to increase revenue. Greg Fraser, chairman of the Publications Committee, then took the amended proposal to Malnarich. This act of good faith was also rejected by Malnarich and the Martlet stands screwed.

It is important to realize that the action of the student's council is, in effect, a callous interference in editorial autonomy. It is a traditional and jealously safeguarded feature of university campuses that the editorial policies of their papers are outside the control of student government. Without this, the has difficulty paper in recruiting staff and the paper loses its interest for the campus readership. Yet our student council. the **Representative Assembly has** gone so far as to tell Hume what he should and should not publish.

It is also a fact of life that most campus newspapers are, at the least, righteously antiauthoritarian, and at most (and probably best) radical. They generally anticipate social change within their milieu, and much of their value derives from this feature alone. Without this, a weekly campus newspaper only duplicates poorly a function already attended to by the bourgeois dailies that print what went on in the world yesterday. As it happens, the constant targets for campus newspaper snipers are student councils, whose membership is all too frequently made up of management trainees whose ethics, values, and

imagination equip them only for mundane tasks. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the UVic Representative Assembly has its share of dromedaries who would be only too happy to muzzle the only effective means by which their stupidity is proclaimed to the farthest corners of their constituency. It's happened in the past. In 1970 almost half of the council members tried to block my appointment as Martlet editor. The reasons? Well the one repeated most often was "You keep criticizing us!"

The student council has a vested interest in muzzling a critical press. But the students have a right to demand integrity from their legislators. All too often the student council forgets its place and proper function, and it's important that there is a strong, energetic, and independent press. The incentive to dig out news and the pride in a cooperative venture in producing a newspaper goes when the student council can sever the jugular at whim. The power of the press should not be contingent upon the approval of those it frequently opposes. If you don't know what I mean compare Pravda and the Washington Post.

doomed

In spite of my strong views about the action of the student council, I am not an unreserved admirer of the Martlet. I can see room for improvement in many areas. But that makes me no different from anybody else, including the Martlet staff. The paper is a very good one though, and improving (up until this week) steadily. It gives students a broad coverage of student and university news, plus news analyses of a high calibre, without which any student paper is doomed to irrelevance and ennui. The Martlet staff is prepared to make some sacrifices to the almighty dollar, and has agreed with the position of the Publications Committee. What they are asking for is the freedom to print a good paper until the end of the term. Nothing more and nothing less.

Some things are important to remember. These are:

- The Martlet is not viable within the current budget. As a a result, the paper will have to stop publishing before the end of spring term, or print papers of about eight pages with a lot of ads.
- Malnarich, the Treasurer of the student council, told Mark Hume, Editor of the Martlet, that should he cut the budget more than \$110 he would first consult Mark.
- He didn't. Instead he submitted for approval by council a Martlet budget for \$9,500 without consulting anyone on the Martlet.
- 4) Council members tried to have the budget cut even more.
- 5) A meeting of the Publications Committee resulted in what they thought was a compromise: a smaller size Martlet with a budget of \$11,500, a drop of \$4610. The Martlet reluctantly agreed to reduce the size of their paper in order to compromise and help the AMS reduce its deficit.

and decided that it was possible for the Martlet to decrease its size to 12 pages a week, and cut most of the conference budget, resulting



6) Malnarich remained adamant, even though the Martlet last year was more financially responsible than even the students council. 7) Conclusion: In spite of the Martlet's good faith in agreeing to cut the size of the paper, agreeing to make an effort to increase advertising, and agreeing to make more efficient use of a smaller paper (elimination of poster front pages), the council refuses to recognize that they are sounding the death knell of the Martlet. This is an intolerable situation. We, as students, have a right to a free and viable press!

Bob Higinbotham writes this article as a member of the Alma Mater Publications Board, and last year's Martlet editor.

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they're doing with the present financial restrictions, completely censoring the last nine or ten issues, and severely restricting content in all the other issues between now and then.

factor in determining the budget, should never even be discussed by the RA.

however, and it will be discussed at future meetings — unless something is done to make the paper free from the Alma

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IRA speaker here despite tactics of RA

The UVic AMS Academic Affairs department refused to pay for a speaker from the Irish Republican Army Sunday Nov. 6 because "no one would come on a reading weekend".

Sean Kenny of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA, spoke to an overflow crowd in the Elliot lecture theatre on Saturday night.

The \$100 speakers fees for Kenny were raised by students interested in hearing an IRA spokesman speak, and by the Young Socialists political organization. Two students, neither of them connected with the YS raised \$75 cut of their own pockets.

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When a proposal that Academic Affairs sponsor the IRA speaker, came before the Representative Assembly, Affairs Chairman Dave Fisher objected saying the meeting would not be in the interests of students because it fell on a reading weekend.

Former Academic Affairs chairman, Brian Green, said that he had indicated that Academic Affairs would pay for Sean Kenny if he were to come to UVic.

At that point in the meeting the members who opposed having the IRA speaker, in an almost uprecedented move, walked out leaving Al Turner, to call quorum. A quorum could not be found and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the money for Kenny was raised by various students and the YSers.

One of the contributing students stated that although he personally didn't agree with the IRA, he felt it was important to hear from one of their spokesmen in order to see just where they stood.

"With this kind of academic affairs we'll just have to bring our own speakers here" he added.

After Kenny had spoken, Academic Affairs chairman Fisher refused to comment on the crowd that attended the speech. Cliff Mack, the local Young Socialist leader, said that the YS provided the advertising for the programme at their own expense.

Out of the two hundred posters put up, all but about twelve were torn down by unknown persons, he added. Mack also said that the YSers hoped to have the money returned to everyone who helped fund Kenny's speech by the Academic Affairs department since the programme had turned out to be a success after all.

Academic Affairs chairman Fisher said he would talk with the socialists about it.



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FRIDAY, NOV. 19th

Ice Hockey — Norsemen vs. Cubs - Esquimalt 9:15 p.m. SATURDAY, NOV. 20th

Rugby — Vikings vs. J.B.A.A. - MacDonald 2:30 p.m. Norsemen vs. Velox - UVic 2:30 p.m. SUNDAY NOV. 21st.

Soccer — Vikings vs. Oak Bay - Heywood 2:15 p.m. Norsemen vs. Lakehill - Reynolds 2:15 p.m. Men's Field Hockey — Vikings vs. Rebels - UVic 1:30 p.m.



In an effort to boost advertising revenue, the Martlet has decided that the special low rates, presently available to University departments, groups, and clubs etc., will be cancelled. Until further notice, UVic and off campus advertisers will be charged the same rates.

We appeal to all members of faculty and administration, who have been reading the Martlet regularly to pay an honorary subscription fee for the bloody thing. Remember, every time you take a paper that's one more student who's forced to go without — even though he's donated something to us through his AMS fees.

Honorary subscriptions, and other donations to the Martlet Defence Fund (it'll help us defend ourselves against the madmen in the Representative(?) Assembly and defend you against the mad bureaucrats in other areas) should be sent to the Martlet. Student Union Building. University of Victoria. Victoria, B.C.

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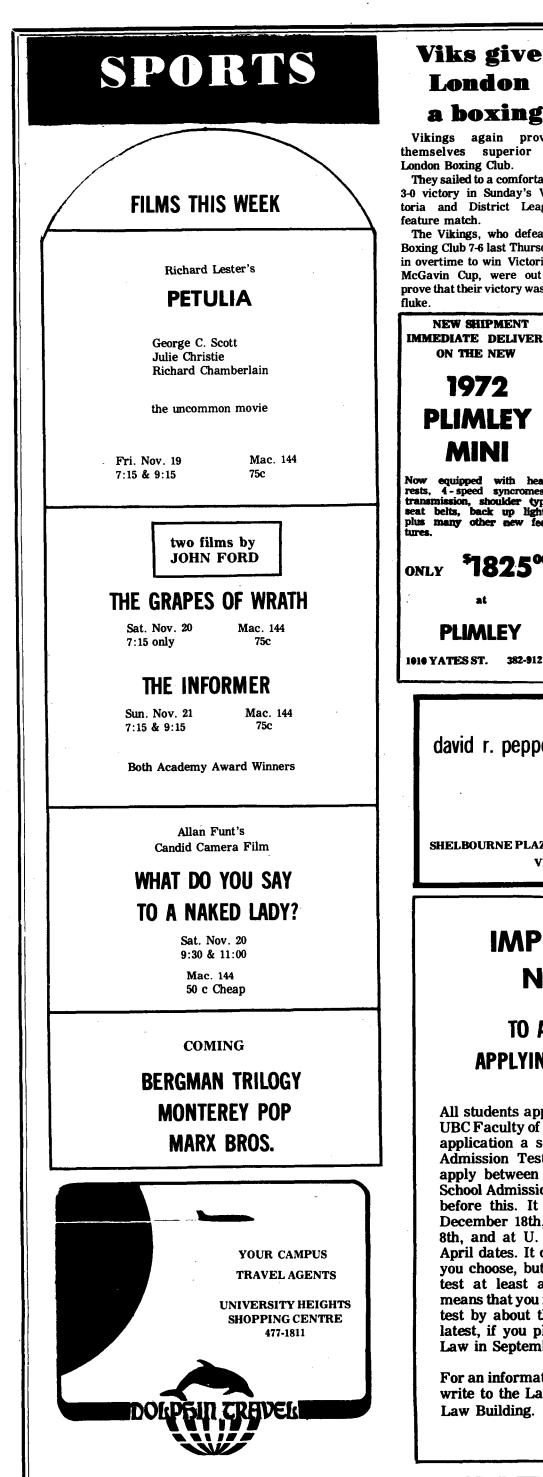
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Ski Fair at weekend

The University of Victoria Ski Club is presenting its fourth annual Ski Fair this Friday and Saturday in the SUB Upper Lounge.

As this is the only public ski activities presentation in the lower Vancouver Island area, support and participation of skiing institutions in this area is both enthusastic and encouraging.

The theme of the Fair is Ski British Columbia and its aims are 1) to "publicize the attractions of skiing in British Columbia, 2) to "familiarize the public with the latest in ski equipment" available locally.

In addition to the displays and films which are to be presented there will be a Safety Clinic and a Ski Swap.

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The Ski Fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. As it is a public service, non-profit function, no admission will be charged. A licensed dance will be held Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by 'Tea Bag'.

Castaways dropped

Last Sunday the UVic Men's Field Hockey Team defeated the Castaways, 5-2. The score was no indication of the play. The Castaways, a new club of ex-rugby players, had improved. The Castaways outhustled the UVic squad but failed to capitalize around the goal mouth.

The biggest capitalist of the day was Laurie Bullivant, banging in three goals for the Vikings. Two of the five goals were scored on an obtuse angle, one by Roland Ek and the other by Laurie, both from the right side. The fifth goal was by Russ McDowell.

In other action the Orangemen defeated the slumping Rebels, 3-1, and the Fossils tied the Tigers, 1-1. Both these games improved UVic's position in the standings. Standings

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The previous Sunday, goalie Gary Anderson, received a shut-out as UVic defeated the Fossils, 3-0. Goals were by Brian Anguire, Laurie Bullivant and Russ McDowell.

The next game is Sunday against the Rebels. It will be played at 1:30 at UVic.

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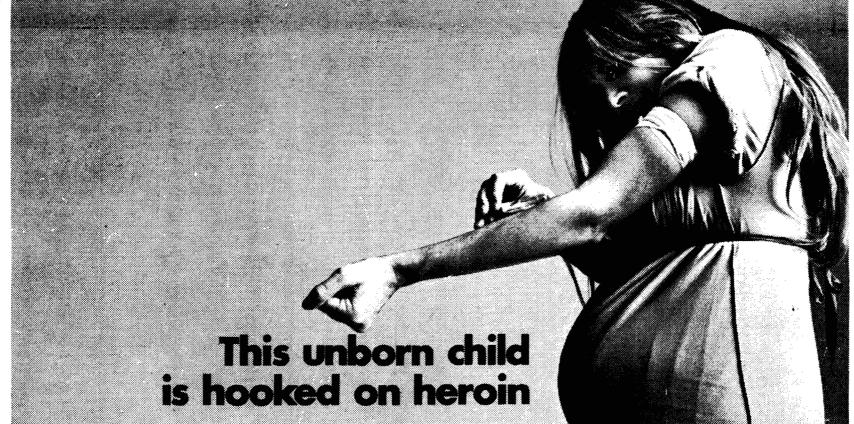
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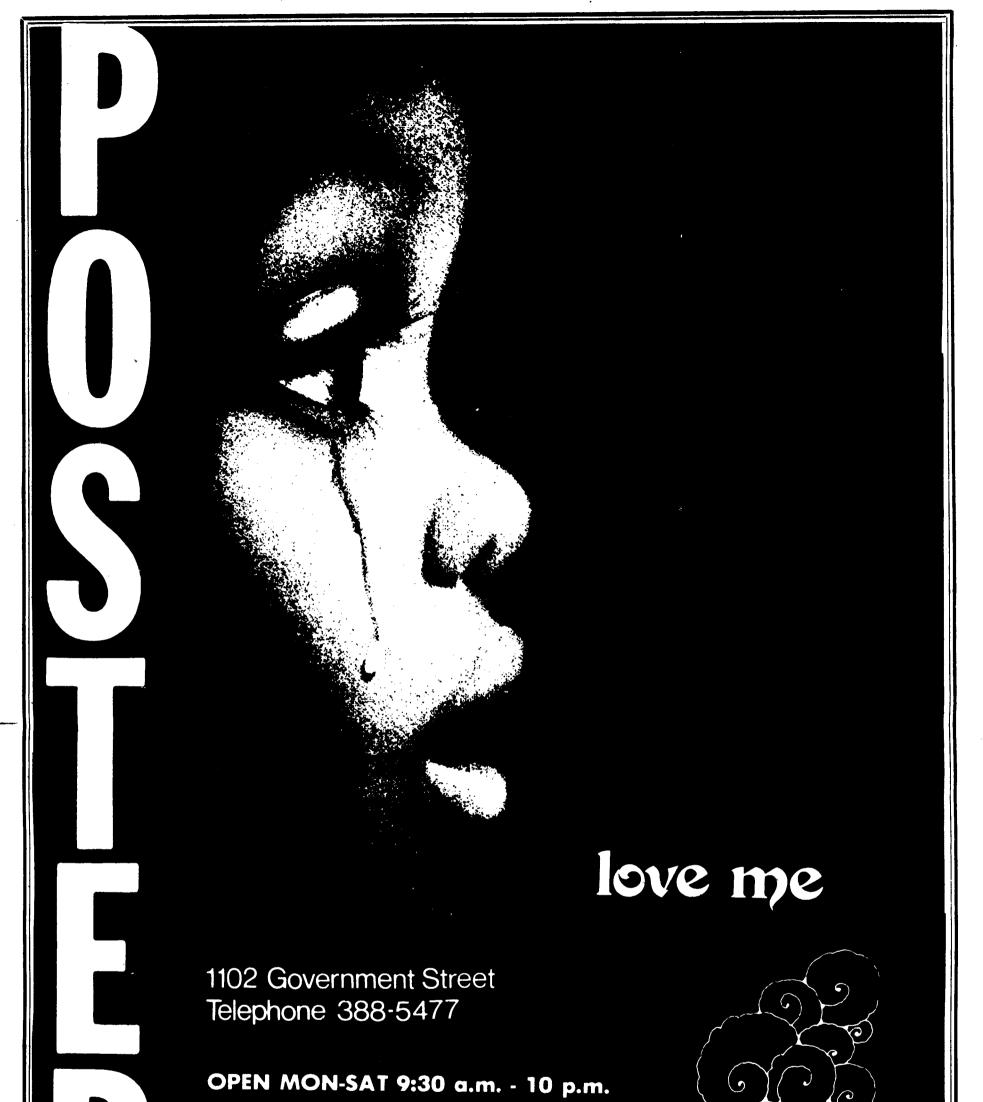
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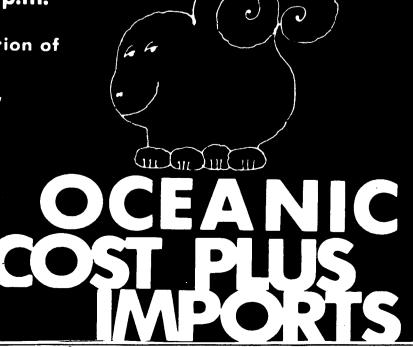
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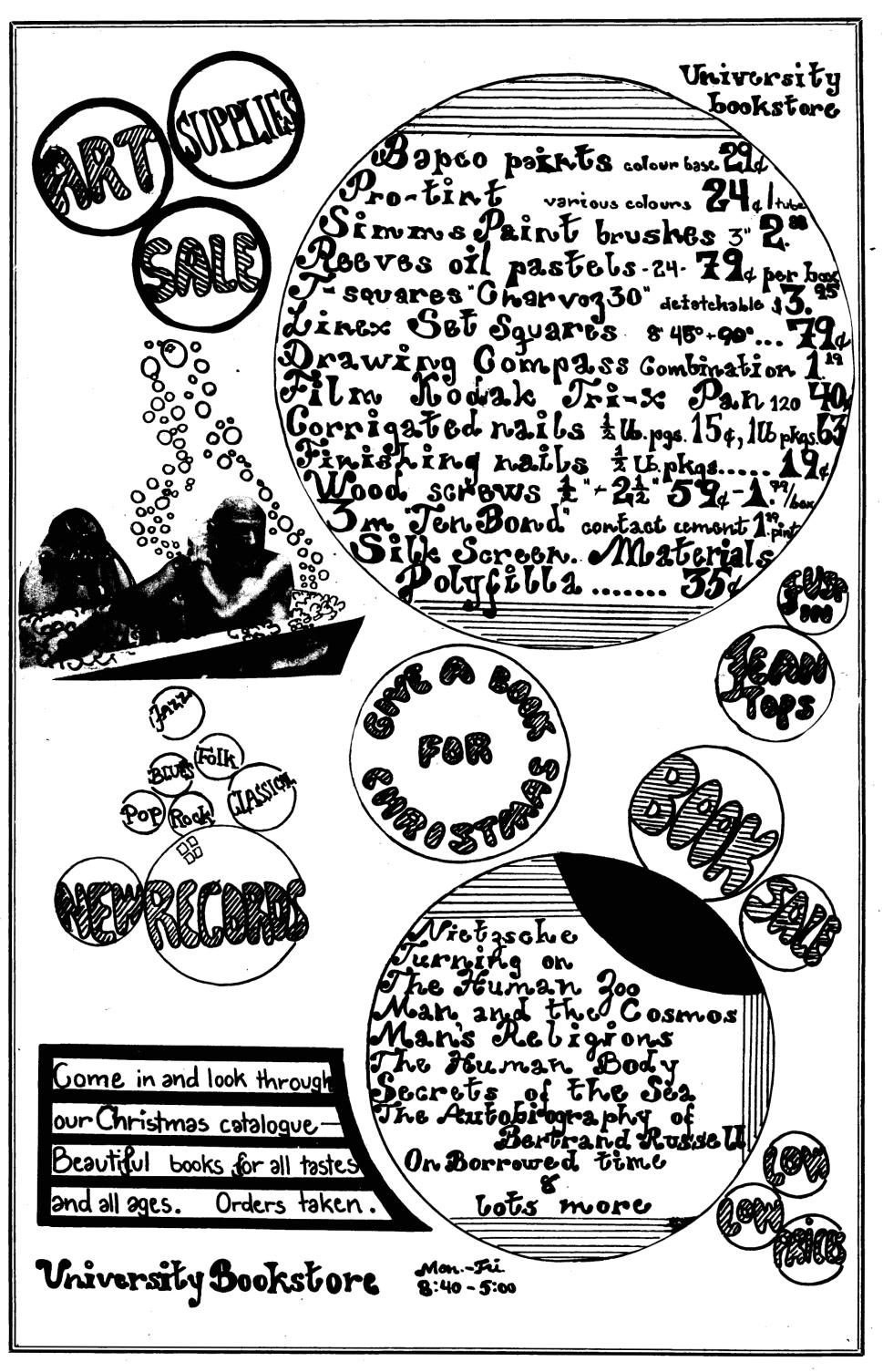
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