

FINANCIAL AID *Appealing your Canada Student Loan*

By Dawna Noonan

Appealing Your Canada Student Loan:

This week's column will be a guide for those students who have, or are considering appealing their Canada Student Loans. Although many of us have been through the appeal process, few students know exactly what happens, or when.

Hopefully I can clear up some of the areas that seemed to have been the most confusing to students.

1. There is no deadline for appeal. Although it may be in your better interest to file an appeal as soon as possible, there is **not** a specific deadline for receipt of appeals.
2. You are eligible to appeal: i) if you did not receive the amount of award requested ii) if your award was adjusted.
3. You may appeal the assessed student contribution, assessed parental contribution, and/or assessed educational costs. The usual basis for appeal is an extenuating circumstance; an extraordinary expense that has affected one or more of the assessed areas. Your reason for appeal may not be one of the more common reasons following, but do not let that deter you from appealing your loan if you feel you cannot meet your expenses for the coming year.
4. Student contribution may be appealed — due to excep-

tionally low income; — due to unemployment; — if you attended intersession courses or summer school.

5. Parental contribution appeals will be considered in the case of: — funerals; — Legal fees; — weddings; — dependent relatives; — unavoidable

emergency home repairs; — strikes, unemployment, sickness that may have affected parental income.

6. An appeal of educational costs will be considered based on an increase in cost following the original application for loan.

The Student Aid Officials of the Department of Education will evaluate any new information your appeal has provided them with, and will then issue to you a reassessed claim.

Most loans are settled at this stage, but, if you are still

unsatisfied with the result, you may state your case to an Appeal Committee. This Committee considers and reviews exceptional appeals.

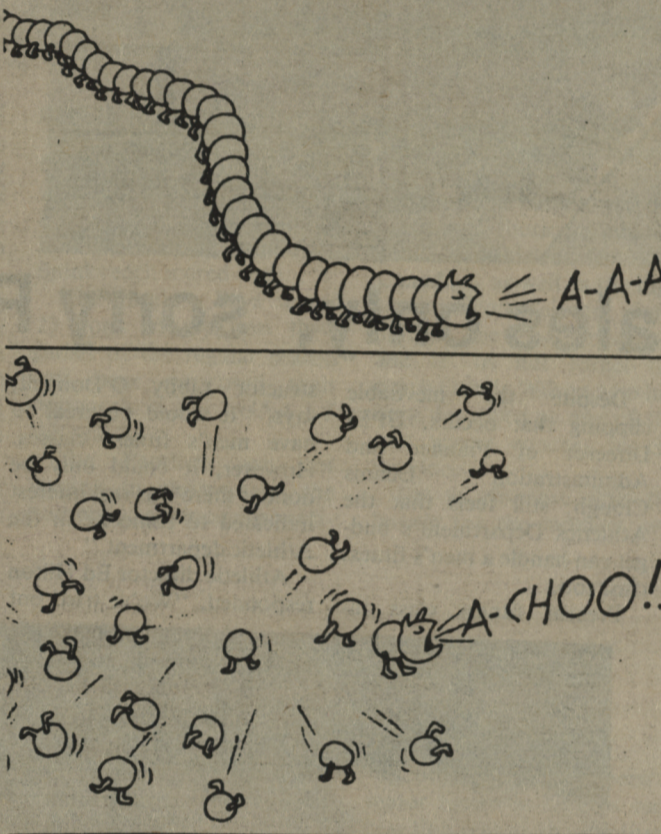
If you have any other questions about your Canada Student Loan, feel free to drop

by the Department of Student Services (Tues. and Thurs. 2-5:00 p.m.) or telephone the PEI Department of Education-Student Aid Branch at 892-3504.

Oh, and remember, it's still not too late to file your initial Student Loan application.

Warner Brothers seek new idol

Representing the latest industry trend toward development in the growing blending pop record artists



and their forerunning albums into successful feature films (a la "Purple Rain"), producers Richard Zanuck, David Brown and Alan Livingston have announced the launching of a major search for a new recording artist to play the title role in their forthcoming production "Ronnie Finkelhof, Superstar."

For the Warner Bros. release, which involves a teenager who makes it big as a rock star, Zanuck, Brown and Livingston will, upon finding their record artist-actor, first record an album with him.

Although that album would become the film's soundtrack album, it would be widely released with heavy

promotion on its own in advance of the picture.

Records and films have been successfully interwoven in the past, but it is believed that the process involving "Ronnie Finkelhof, Superstar" marks the first time that an unknown, potential recording star will first record an album and subsequently star in a major motion picture.

Stated Livingston, who spent many years as president of Capitol Records and was responsible for signing The Beatles, "The artist we're seeking should look 17-or 18-years old and have the potential of being highly successful in the recording field. Acting ability is of course, essential. It's a tremendous opportunity for the right person.

"Ronnie Finkelhof, Superstar" is based on a novel written by Livingston which is to be published by Random House. It was acquired by Zanuck and Brown as part of their overall production deal with Warner Bros., and Livingston will co-produce with them.

Production on both the record and picture is expected to begin shortly after January 1. In addition to the search for a recording artist-film star, a contemporary record producer will also be selected and be involved throughout.

All inquiries concerning the recording artist-title star search should be directed to the offices of Alan W. Livingston, 141 El Camino Drive, Ste. 207. Beverley Hills, CALIF. 90212.

Life Styles

By Lori Anne Heckbert

Hi there! What's a great, all-around normal person like you doing reading a zany column like this?

I guess you figure I'm feeling better now. Maybe ...

I was talking to one of my professors the other day ("Really," you say) to tell him why I've missed at least five classes in succession; he said he'd already figured I must be sick because there were no restaurant reviews in recent issues of the *Gem*. I laughed. And besides, it was a little bit funny.

Did you see the little table of contents on the front page of last week's *Gem*? It was titled "Inside the skin". Do you want to hear something really stupid? It took me five days to catch the pun on the potato. Get it? The skin is a potato skin! Ha-Ha — slap thigh now.

I hope you're getting ready to join in the fun and frolic of Fall Fest. If you're still a little unsure of just what all

is going on next week, stop in at the Barn, I'm sure they'd be more than willing to tell you where to go.

You know, Mother always told me, If you run out of things to say, say something stupid. I'm not sure, but I think I've already exhausted that possibility.

Here's a funny story for you, all true. Now, you would think that since I know so much about doing laundry that I could never make a dumb mistake. Wrong.

I have this little red purse (What's in the little red purse, Ron quips. It's not important right now, I say). Anyway, I decided to wash the little red purse. I figured the dye would probably run, since it already ruined a pair of brilliant white getaways this summer; so, I washed it separately — always thinkin', eh?

Alright. Imagine it's washed now. It's dripping all over the floor, so I rush it,

not to the hospital (too long a wait there for a **real** emergency like this), but to the dryer.

I took it out before it started to smoke. However, I noticed my little red purse was all mushy. You see, there was cardboard holding my little red purse together. I speak in the past tense for a very good reason.

If you're into morals of stories, here's one for you: Never ever ever wash little red purses, throw them out.

You know, every week there is a little something to be learned in this column. I've learned that I can abuse little words (tee-hee) at will, and you can't stop me na-na-na-na.

It's been fun writing this week's column, I trust you will enjoy it too. Take care of yourselves, I'll be back next week, same time same place.

Bye!

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