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SGA Pres. Denies Free Press

From: Doug Burkhardt, President of Student Government Association

In the past several weeks I have been attempting to settle the problem of paying student help for producing the newspaper. The yearbook editor has informed me that this campus will not have a yearbook next year unless they too have a paid student staff similar to the staff that State-To-Date has been allocated.

It is my opinion as President that no student should be paid to participate in an extra-curricular activity such as the newspaper or any other student oriented group.

Mrs. Kutler in Financial Aids has informed me that several financial aid students will be available for next year's newspaper staff. This is a move in the right direction, but it doesn't address the ill-feelings or the unequitable funding problem created by the \$2,400 allocation the House passed on the night of April 19, 1979. Therefore, I'm implementing a plan that I and many executives feel will solve the many problems created by the \$2,400 allocation.

As of this letter, I am freezing the funds in Object 02 in the State-To-Date budget for 1979-1980 fiscal year. The \$2,400 in that object will be transferred to Object 02 in the Student Government Association Budget. A special fund will be created in Object 02 of the SGA budget to pay for technical work for both the newspaper and the yearbook. This fund will only pay for typing work for both the newspaper and the yearbook. This fund will only pay for typing for both organizations. The idea is to prevent setting a precedent of paying students as members of a student group. Therefore, the only students paid to work are students paid by the Student Government Association. These actions will prevent any group from claiming that the SGA has created unfair budget practices.

I have checked with Ed Reinsfelder, the Comptroller, to make sure the plan is feasible. He agrees that it is very workable and should correct the many problems created by the \$2,400 allocations.

The newly created staff positions will be supervised by the SGA Secretary/Office Manager. Time sheets will be processed through this office. The Financial Aid workers will also be apart of the SGA staff. This is done to create a pool of staff members to work on projects for both the yearbook and State-To-Date.

Finally, I feel the problem created by this plan can be worked out with relative ease. I can understand many members of the State-To-Date staff finding this plan objectionable to say the least, but I feel it is the only way in which the Student Government Association can equitably work at the problem of paid student help for both yearbook and State-To-Date and insure that both will be produced next academic year.

I would like to thank you for working so hard on the newspaper this year, and I sincerely hope you can fully attain your goals for next year. Thanks for your cooperation; I've (sic) looking forward to working with you next semester on this new staff plan.

Student government leaders at Frostburg State- at least those whose regimes have spanned the last years or so- have had in common a number of maladies, the most notable of which have included hypersensitivity to criticism and political bravado. The search for a long term cure now finds itself at the crossroads with a decision having been made which may very well prove to be lethal.

Threats to shut down State-To-Date have been prevalent for years. SGA President Burkhardt has finally made good on one of them.

Sooner or later it had to happen.

In 1975 it was the Student Association President Doug Pranski who colored the paper's coverage of governmental activities by bullying the press' leadership. The use of this well-refined skill offended some and was ignored by others, but finally Pranski's goal was realized.

Under Don Fry's administration a year later, a small faction of House members, under the leadership of Vice President Howard Paper, considered a motion to totally cut off the paper's funds. The motion failed, but the group had made its message clear and continued to try the power of the purse strings as a means to prod those who dared to disagree with their elected leaders to choose their words with special care.

The presidential triumvirate of Tom Keilholtz, Rick Gehrman and Sharon Norris in 1977 made an attempt to win the paper's friendship from the start and thereby avoid the problems of previous administrations. That effort ended in something less than total success, after which the administration of SA threatened lawsuit and subsequently tried ignoring printed criticisms of their inadequacies.

Both that administration and the one which followed practiced the use of money threats, but it took until now for the nightmare to become a tangible reality.

State-To-Date, over the years has served many functions. It informs, educates, advertises and last, but certainly not least, it debates. Contrary to the belief of a number of student government executives past and present, it does not and has not aimed to persecute without reason or destroy without a proposal for renewal.

The paper has tried to be a forum for the free exchange of ideas. It has, as a long-standing policy, welcomed rebuttal to its own statements of position. The simple fact is that such rebuttals other than those articulated in the form of money threats, have not been advanced in any great number.

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We, the members of State-To-Date, have been placed in an impossible situation. As a result of Doug Burkhardt's memo dated May 1, we can no longer function as an independent newspaper. Mr. Burkhardt has grossly extended the authority given to him by the SGA constitution, and set up an alternate plan for publishing your student newspaper.

By making all typists directly accountable to the SGA as paid staff members of that association, Burkhardt has destroyed a basic constitutional right-FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. In order to function as a free and independent newspaper, we must maintain complete autonomy from all organizations on this campus.

It appears, very conveniently, that the Editor of Nemacolin has stated that without a payroll similar to that of S-T-D's, there will be no yearbook next year. It is quite apparent that Nemacolin has no need for a payroll or they would have requested one during the budget meeting. As Burkhardt clearly stated, "They want a piece of the action". We feel that Nemacolin's demand has been fabricated by Mr. Burkhardt in order to fulfill a personal vendetta against the staff of S-T-D who have unhesitatingly spoken out against injustice towards the student body.

When we assumed the responsibility of publishing this newspaper, we dedicated ourselves to the ideal of freedom of speech. We have never denied any individual on this campus the constitutional right to voice his opinion, even when it disagreed with ours.

We find Mr. Burkhardt's plan for payroll intolerable. The House of Representatives approved our allocation of \$2,400 for the purpose of paying typists and layout staff. Yet, Mr. Burkhardt feels he can blatantly override their democratic decision and implement a plan of his own. SGA, by controlling the production aspect of our newspaper, is controlling its publication and content.

We, the staff members of S-T-D refuse to be censored. We find it very sad indeed that Mr. Burkhardt is willing to destroy the independence of the newspaper for the simple reason of financial expediency. This time it is not the college administration, but the SGA who is denying the students their constitutional rights.

Commentary from page 1

Those criticisms offered under the endorsement of State-To-Date in recent times have said, very simple, "Maybe your way isn't the only way. Let's talk about it".

The battle has begun again this year, but this time with a more dramatic climax. And the time has come once again to talk about it. But one thing is clear: There is no problem for which extermination of a forum for the free exchange of ideas is the solution.



Tim Morrison serenely portrays Jesus in "Godspell".
Review on page 3.
(photo by Tom Creamer)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform the critics of the Student Government Association that you have accomplished nothing. The only thing that you have done is to discredit the Student Government Association. What is the S.G.A. without the people behind it? The answer is nothing. The point is that the critics of the S.G.A. have not named the

names of the people that are behind the problems that they have cited. Is it because they are afraid? Or is it because they do not take the time to find out? The answer is probably a combination of both. The point is that the people that are causing the problems are being allowed to give the entire organization a bad name. In order to clear up some of the problems I will include two roll call votes that were taken at the last S.G.A. meeting. I hope that everyone will ask their representatives why they voted the way they did and take their response into consideration when elections roll around in the fall.

The main issue in the first vote was whether to take \$2,000 from the Student Artist and Lecture Series and give it to State-To-Date so that they could pay their typists and layout personnel. The proponents claimed that if the typists and layout people were not paid, there would be no newspaper. The opponents argued that the newspaper would be able to find volunteers to do the work and therefore, there was no need to pay. The result was:

Chris Scheidt - Yes
George Freyman - No
Pam Buckler - No
Karen Love - Yes
Reggie Parks - Yes
Eric Keitz - No
Helen Leporatti - Yes
Lauren Kramer - No
John Read - Yes

Mike Milligan - No
Mary Bambacus - No
Judy Hahn - Yes
Steve Renshaw - No
Jim Mac Alister - Yes
B. J. Davisson - No
Clay Goodwin - No
Brad Lloyd - Yes
Tammy Moran - Yes
Nancy Falconer - Yes

The result was 11-yes, 9-no, and 1 abstention. The motion passed. After the vote was taken, several representatives left. There was a motion to take the \$2,000 that had just been transferred to State-To-Date and return it to the Student Artist and Lecture Series. This would leave State-To-Date without pay for its typists and layout people. The vote was:

George Freyman - Yes
Robby Cohen - No
Pam Buckler - Yes
Karen Love - No
Reggie Parks - No
Eric Keitz - Yes
Lauren Kramer - Yes
John Read - No
Mike Milligan - Yes
Mary Bambacus - Yes
Judy Hahn - Yes
Steve Renshaw - Yes
Jim Mac Alister - No
Clay Goodwin - Yes
Brad Lloyd - No
Tammy Moran - No
Nancy Falconer - No

The result was 9-Yes, 8-No, and 1 abstention. In recording the votes I have omitted all those who were absent at the times that the votes were taken and David Hevermale who abstained on both votes.

The result was that the paper was left with no money to pay its employees. Keith Wilson (C.C.B. President) moved that the SGA take the \$2,000 from the C.C.B. Videotape budget and use it to pay the typists and layout personnel. The motion passed, and the videotape account was left with only \$500. This means

WE SUPPORT US

By Chuck Bowler

If you haven't heard of the movement to reinstate the Gymnastics team, you might well call the undertaker to cover you over. Gymnastics, one of the few non-violent, non-contact sports practiced by Americans, requires a great deal of agility, timing, personal strength, and dedication. Perhaps one of the brute force sports should be eliminated, if one must be eliminated. The grace and control of a gymnast more befits an academic institution than does violence. A larger problem is embodied by the struggle for reinstatement, THAT OF STUDENT RIGHTS. I realize that's a new concept for you, especially as you plunge into exam week.

Student rights are like any

other evolutionary appendage, if you don't use them, you lose them. They become mere remnants, around only for show. Students have no real rights on this campus. Sure, we have a few token members on some committees, but most of those have either no voting power or are outnumbered 3 to 1 so any student vote could easily be overridden. We, like a bunch of well-kept sheep, are fat and happy as long as "Chesapeake" doesn't serve live roaches or the "Reef" doesn't run out of beer. Are we here just to get out of Mommy's and Daddy's hair? Or are we here to get an education to take our rightful place in society?

WE DO HAVE RIGHTS! We have the right to equal voting

representation on ALL campus committees that affect us. We have the right to redress for grievances against faculty, staff, administration, and students without fear of retribution. We have the right to a relevant, rational, and nonauthoritarian education. We have the right to LEGAL review in judicial proceedings. That includes knowledge of our rights as students to determine which student activities will be cancelled or even planned. We are not a bunch of children who need to be told to take our medicine, because it's good for us. If it's good for us, it's good for them too. DON'T LET THE TIDE STOP NOW. We can make it if we try. We are citizens and have all the rights that citizens have, whether they be student or not.

Dear Uncle Frosty

Uncle Frosty will answer any career related question from the college community. Not all questions can be printed due to space limitations and good taste. Uncle Frosty will send a personal response to readers whose letters are not answered publicly. Send your queries to Uncle Frosty, c/o Counseling Service.

Dear Uncle Frosty:

I'd like to be an independent business woman. Where can I get information (and the know how) to start and succeed?

J. B.

Dear J. B.:

Thanks for a good question. I've been fantasizing about starting a senior citizen dating service (are you busy) and I also needed

that there will be very few videotapes next year.

This is the correct description of the meeting. I urge anyone who has any questions to contact your representatives. The only way that you will ever get a good and representative government is to hold your representatives responsible for their actions. Also, if you want to go further, all roll call votes are recorded in the S.G.A. office. They are public records and open for your inspection. I encourage you to find out what your representatives have been doing before you re-elect them. I also encourage the critics to hold individuals responsible and not malign an entire organization.

Thank you,
James K. Mac Alister
Senior Carry-Over
Student Government Association

some information.

I contacted Jim DeCarlo of the Institute for Small Business at FSC for some assistance. The Institute can provide both written and personal help that will increase your awareness of the needed skills and resources. It can be valuable to investigate them now, even if your goal of starting a business is several years down the road.

The staff has a resource bibliography sheet and a supply of Small Business Administration pamphlets (many are free) that contain valuable information. For example, "A Checklist for Going Into Business" is one such pamphlet. Finally, talk with one of the Institute's counselors for some additional insight or attend a sponsored workshop. You'll learn a lot.

Cumberland Choral Society

The Cumberland Choral Society will perform a concert in Pullen Auditorium Friday, May 4, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. The concert will consist of a wide variety of music ranging from Brahms Folk Songs to Copacabana and Daybreak by Barry Manilow.

The concert is open to the public, and a special invitation is extended to students of Frostburg State College to come and share in the opening of the Spring, 1979 Concert Season.

CORRECTION

The staff of Bittersweet regrets that the name of two artists of works in the magazine have been switched. The correct name under the smiling fish on page 19 should be Paula Shreve. The camel on page 26 was done by Glenna Thomas.

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If,

BY THE UNKNOWN IFFER

...the football team wants to tell us they are guiltless, they can tell us. If they want to find out who I am, they can find out who I am; but why are they trying to find out who I am instead of telling us they are guiltless?

...Carter can trade Soviet spies for dissidents, why can't he trade Arab spies for lower oil prices?

...A.R.A. wants to go out with a bang, they will either serve real food or blow up the cafeteria.

...you were an hour late because you forgot to change your clock, don't feel bad; statistics show that everyone acts very stupid at least once.

...certain members of S.A. hate this paper that much, let them start their own weekly paper; perhaps they could call it the White Paper.

...President Guild made his decision about Gymnastics while the students were still here, it wouldn't look so much like he's selling out.

...we took all the graffiti from the desks in Old Main and put it in a book, maybe we could afford new desks from the book sales.

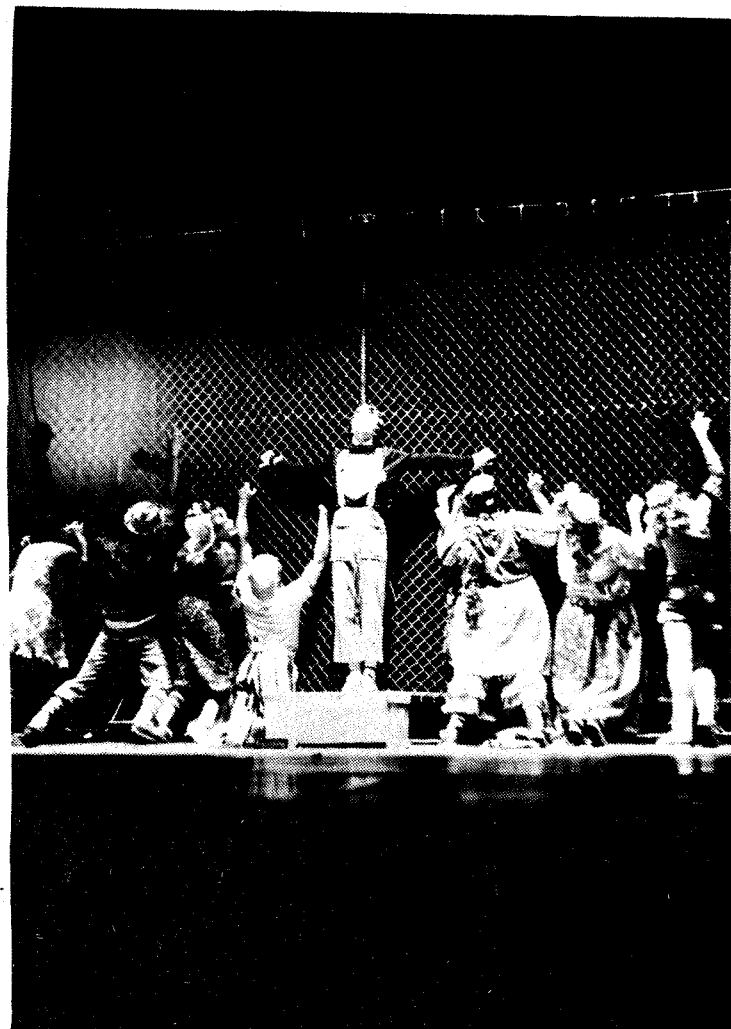
...there were any way to make Godspell better, it would have been to have the real Christ in the lead role.

The Iffers End of The Year Goodbyes go to the following: to A.R.A.; goodbye and I'll remember you. I won't be sad, but you will have left a memory. To the football team; I won't miss you but the NCAA might. To Jimmy Carter and big oil companies; I'll miss my money. To certain members of S.A.: when I die and go to heaven, too bad we won't be able to see each other. To the leaving seniors; get out of here and get a job. And to the State-to-Date staff; how do you spell Scot?

Attention Graduating Seniors

Frostburg State College will offer, beginning with the 1979 fall semester, the Master of Arts in Modern Humanities Degree Program. This new program is an interdisciplinary program focused on the 20th century, and jointly supported by the Department of English, History, Modern Foreign Languages, and Philosophy.

The Graduate School announces the opening of one graduate assistantship for a student applying to this program for the 1979 fall semester. The



Godspell Huge Success

by Sheri MacMahan

The performance of "Godspell" this weekend at Frostburg State College was excellent; with time put in on rehearsals obvious. The show went smoothly, and glowed with humanistic appeal. The cast certainly deserved the standing ovations they received throughout the weekend.

The theme of the play appeared to be a modern rendition of our Savior, Jesus Christ's pleas for everyone to show and have love for one another. Each member of the cast played his roles with what appeared to be sincere feelings and emotions, interjecting his own personality at times. The performer's energy was radiated, bringing the play to life for the audience. They also did a marvelous job of involving the audience in the play by playing charades with us, singing in the aisles of the theater, and, at the end of the play, carrying Jesus off down the aisle.

One important aspect of the

show lies in the fact that all ten of the performers were on stage most of the time. Under these circumstances it takes a lot of togetherness and unity among the cast for the play to run as smoothly as it did this weekend.

The technical aspects of the play also contributed its emotional impact to the play. The forshadowing when Judas spoke was very good, and the lighting at the end of the play was fantastic. When Christ was crucified, and the two shadows were cast on the wall, it tied together the modern and traditional aspects of the play. This was also one of the most emotional parts of the play: when the cast carried Jesus off, the audience felt as if they had just personally witnessed the crucifixion.

The whole cast and production crew deserve congratulations for producing what is and probably will be one of Frostburg State College's finest productions ever.

National Business Honor Society

The Frostburg State College Chapter of the National Business Honor Society is proud to announce the recipient of their "Outstanding Senior Achievement Award" for 1979, Mr. Daniel T. Gaver.

The recipient is chosen on the basis of outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. Selection of the recipient is made by a majority vote of the members of NBHS. Mr. William Knight presented the award to Mr. Gaver at the annual awards ceremony.



Senior Week

Graduation is fast approaching, and with it Senior Week is coming. Senior Week begins May 9, 1979 and ends on May 11, 1979. On Wednesday, the 9th, there will be an open gym. The hours of the open gym will be 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Main Arena will not be open, because it is being set up for commencement, if it should rain. The practice gym will be open. The hours of the pool opening will be 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be open for seniors only, with one guest per senior. On Thursday, the 10th, there will be a dance. The Dance begins at 9:00 p.m. and ends at 1:00 a.m. The Band will be "Majestics". Every Senior will be allowed to have one guest. Each Senior will be allotted two tickets for the Dance. The Tickets will be available in the Lane Center ticket office soon.

Please pick up your tickets before the Dance. No Senior will be let in without the tickets. On

Friday, the 11th, there will be a picnic at New Germany State Park. The picnic will be in front of the closed pavillion. The picnic begins at 11:00 a.m. and will end before or around 5:00 p.m.

The Graduation Ceremony will be on Sunday, May 13, 1979. The rehearsal for the graduation will be on Saturday, the 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Physical Education Center. The Graduation will be held in the Main Quadrangle at 2:30 p.m. The Speaker for the graduation will be Dr. John H. Morey. Dr. Morey was president of Frostburg State College from 1965 - 1969. He is now the president of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Students Get Jobs Before Graduation

Six graduate students at Frostburg State College currently completing degree work in Fisheries and Wildlife Management Programs have already accepted professional employment, according to Dr. Paul R. Lyons, Dean of the College's Graduate School.

These students have completed all course work in their respective programs and are in the process of finishing required thesis work while employed.

"The early employment of these students is indicative of the caliber of programs which are being conducted at Frostburg State College in cooperation with the Appalachian Environmental Laboratory of the University of Maryland located on the Frostburg State College campus," Dr. Lyons said.

Three students in the Master

of Science in Wildlife Management program who have already been employed are: STEVEN L. BITTNER, of Hagerstown, who is now a district manager for the Maryland Wildlife Administration, RICHARD M. LATTANZIO, of Wheaton, employed by the Nuclear Utility Service Consulting Firm, JAMES ROSEBERRY, of Laurel, who has received an appointment with the Federal Power Commission, and FREDERICK C. SHERFY, of Rockville, employed by the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

Master of Science in Fisheries candidates employed are: DANIEL CINCOTTA, of Frostburg, by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources-Fisheries Administration, and JOHN E. COOPER, of Towson, employed by Ecological Analyst, Inc., Towson, Maryland.

The Off-Campus Committee would like to announce that information about your rights as a renter will be available in the Lane Center. Anyone planning to move off campus in the future should look into this information to find out about your rights and responsibilities as a renter.

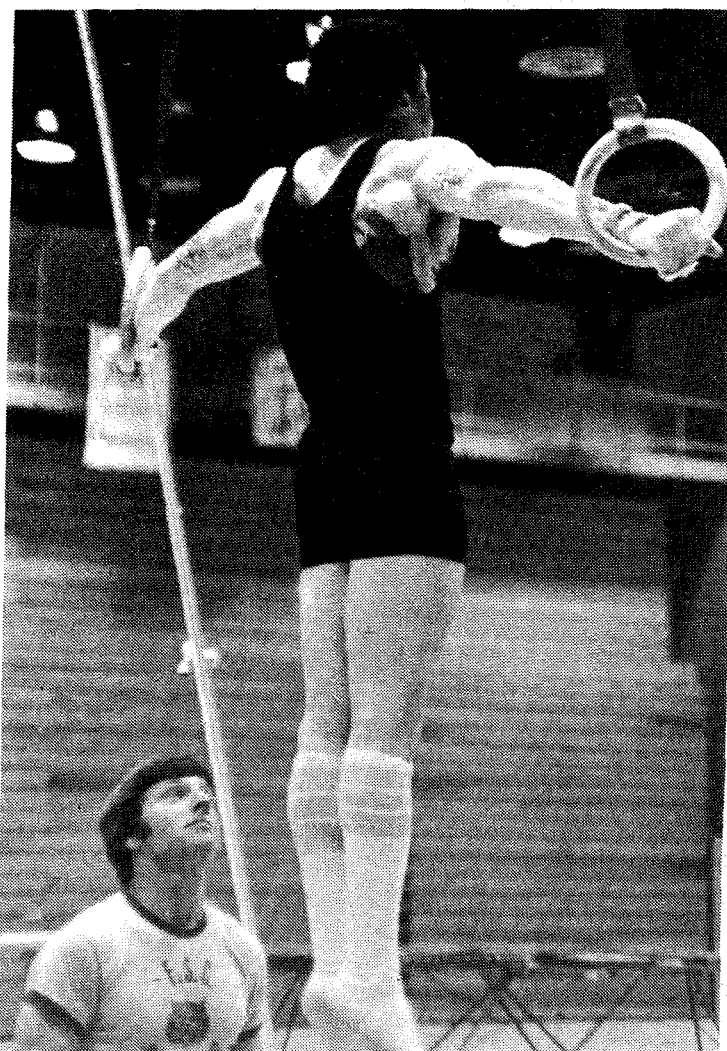
NEMACOLIN

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Volunteer Attendants are needed for the week of June 24-July 1, 1979 at Camp Maria. Each attendant will help a child with muscular dystrophy to participate in activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, arts and crafts, games, hay rides, dances, etc.

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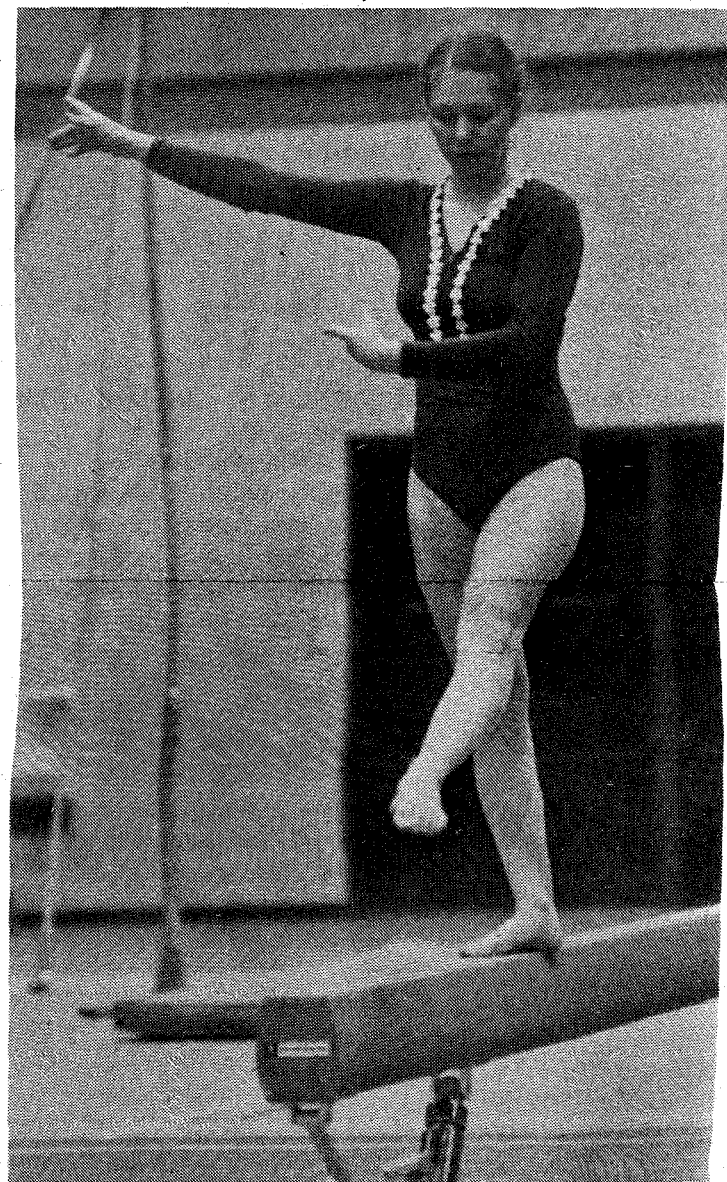
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