

A Kind Of A Song

My lips are chapped, yes chapped darling.

That kind of honest scaling which bespeaks our indulgence. They do not hurt when I remember how they happened. I wear them well . . . saying to everyone I meet . . . these lips are chapped for love of her. If lips could burn, then mine burned well; which is to say that, perhaps, apssion is a flame which lingers if only in the damage it contrives. Do you see these lips . . . Gentlemen, poets have written lines on lips so generously abused. Poets often linger on chapped lips; as if the world should sing of such a bitter aftermath. Blessed be the muses who must also suffer such a glorious frailty as lips. Blessed be humanity, who (regardless of the evil they contrive) are capable of such exaulted suffering. My soul remembers Helen, whose lips became a veritable wasteland of chapped memories. The other damage I dismiss as history. I often wonder, Mary, her gentle flesh unspoiled by human touch, did she have cracking lips from so coincidental a union. That dove at her window may have been blessed, but his song was sad for not having had a pair of lips so blissfully to pain. This, a kind of a song for lips, means more to me than all of our generous saviours who indulgently accepted our abuse for everything else but lips. May they joyously live, their hereafter home in heaven, touching warm, with lips, the generous swell of an angels belly; may the kiss of love, with tenderness and pain, contain and close their opened wounds. I wonder at nativity on a couch, that we are born again from the face of love. I wonder at your body, in this darkness, which I might know so privately with lips. Having lips, I know as well with hands and eyes; the way your breast falls or rises against me, the notice of your touch from where you hold to where you move across, your face in shadow . . . the way it feels so quiet to my palm, and occasionally the whisper of a word.

I never heard.
And perhaps it doesn't matter.

My lips are chapped.
I say chapped darling.

Not intending to complain. When I lick my lips there is something to taste, the taste of what remains. That love is dangerous; I know it is dangerous. It teaches one to feel, like a dull knife, aware of it's own betrayal, it's wounds are rarely mortal but very hard to heal. My lips remind me of what love is, the passion and the word; the one remembered the other rarely heard ... but still ... and there must be love ... my lips are chapped. Oh speak to me lady, across the moment of our bodies, that I might listen.

Why are we here?
Why is your face so gentle?
Why do your shadows so generously fall at exactly the right moments?
That your breathing is like music you couldn't help but know. It sounds against me like a lonely blues in a crowded bar; but the words I never hear.
My lips are chapped from having spoken less and loving more. The remember how it happened.

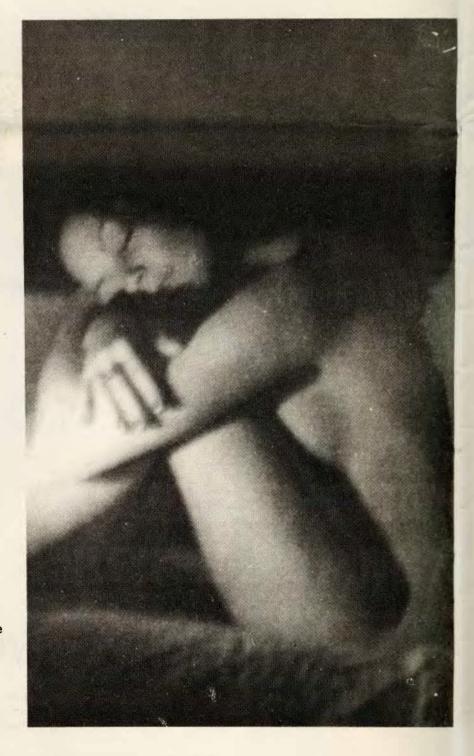
The warmth of your body could have been no warning. The night was cold. There was no place to take you. My lips were chapped already. You cryed when I mentioned love. I could taste your tears. They were tender on my wounds.

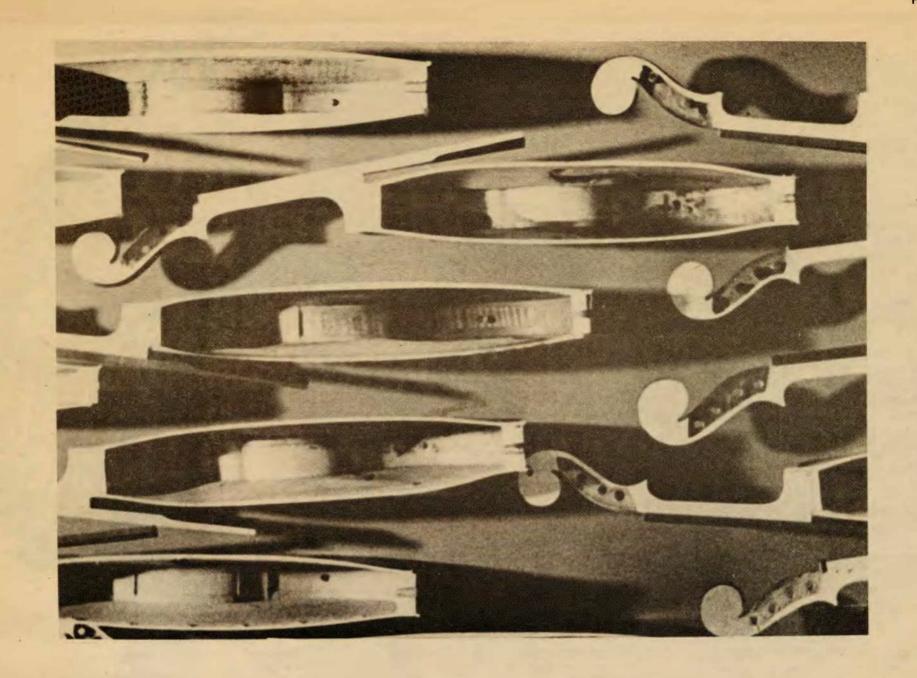
- What time is it?
- You have to go home?
- It's too late.
- Too late to ever go home again.
- I would like to stay with you, but it's almost morning.
- What ever you like, but I wish you could stay.
- Are you angry?
- Yes.
- With me ?
- There is no place to take you.
- Shall I stay then ?
- Not unless you want to . . . yes.
- Can we find a place?
- There is always a place, if you want to stay.
 But I have no place to take you.
- Do you love what I am,
- or what you think I am?
- No . . .
 - I love being with you, thats all.
- your lips and the way you smile.

I wonder at your body, which I might so assuredly know, with lips in this darkness, across Your dress the shadow of how it must feel to hold you, the notice of your touch from where you hold to where you move across, the way your breast rises and falls, and occasionally the whisper of a word.

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SPECIAL THANX TO PETER



Treasures in Toronto

Mathilde in the drifting Toronto snow woman whose hands are baked deserts never so lonely was this city without you

I've madness now to talk about dreams and wonder, memories and lives the disquise of a woman in white

There are silver dollars where you left them moonwet and seafree a sailors gift, a treasures burial of silver and flesh in a white dry land

Listen
I've madness to talk about
treasures and love

Mathilde, Toronto is heavy with snow all the harbours are frozen and there is no sign of the sea.



ROOMS

Your hands they are colder now. Mary has your early age left you so marked. You no longer walk the streets with that unmistaken look of elegance, the look of a woman, the look of a woman in grace.

Every bar has a face like yours in it, did you want that Mary? Does this homage do you justice? There are row upon row of faces in streetcar windows if you touch them will they shatter, if your touch them will they bleed, can you touch them now — Mary — I was sure there was still room for romance.

I was still and sure and knew there was a room. Do you remember the room Mary, it was latter to be destroyed by fire.

In January, I watched it burn from passing trains that went east and came back faster going west and stayed forever going west without moving.

An arctic wind leaves for nowshere, blowing leaves, my dreams are chained to those leaves. This is fall and you have become a memory, your smell of sex has gone stale. I reach across the bed to place my hand between your legs, the bed doesn't respond. I was sure I touched a corpse Mary, your corpse Mary and in the morning I will think of all this and my hand will tremble, my hands grow colder now, my age looks back across this bed from the wall mirror, the mirror is clean, everything about me is clean like the inside of a bone when the marrow has been sucked out, like the inside of a room you can't remember.

PLEAS OF REBIRTH

.... and to a mother's womb I cry now as I watch the frost climb the window pain once I was a baby — so innocent in my naivety

now I'm sinking in my deprivity deprivity of that soft, sweet warmth of my mother's womb

my birth — what has happened to it? have I lost that too?

.... and to a mother's womb I cry please let me in

I don't want to die
I don't want to cry
I just want to lie still and listen
to the warm — listen to the sound
of life and the beauty of your heated
belly warming me from the cold
making everything all right again

Just for a moment Just for a fleeting moment of my emphatic fantasy won't you let me in ?

Barbara Hryciuk /73

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ON THE NIGHT OF LOVE

kisses, softly, slowly melting the coldness of the night, touching, feeling, reaching love's final ecstasy in the night body against body minds together, understanding, comprehending total unity in one night no barriers broken - no communication breakdown of spoken words searching souls - heavy hands finding comfort in each other, laughing - listening - crying and then flying high on top of the hill emersing and then dispursing filling our stomachs full of heated harmony holding hands and barely breathing as we lie beside one another feeling the coolness of the breeze brush over our bodies - bringing us back to a motionless state where weary words and heavy heads greet the darkness coming fast drifting deeply falling into a dreamless sleep

.... reaching timeless totality together at last.

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I Love a Parade

or

Riding in Style

I saw a parade the other day

with flags and classy cars and all that jazz

And gentlemen and ladies all rigged out

In fine clothes, fit for a fancy dinner — a very great deal of pizazz.

Shiny limousines driving at a slow and stately pace

The guest of honour — in no hurry, I surmised

No urgency — just an enjoyable ride.

The cars all had their headlights on, though it was a broadly sunlit morning

I supposed they were helping their guest, who must have been experiencing some difficulty in seeing his way

Then the procession turned

into a spacious, stretching field

With slabs of whitish marble

growing up in neat and perfectly ordered rows -

Straight and symmetrical in any direction — a place for everyone and everyone in his place

And on these stones were engraved the happiest and saddest,
the greatest human stories of them all — some long,
some short — but very few of them widely known.

So that was the nature of the dinner -

Not where he eats but where he is being eaten.

They were serving him up -

(or dropping him down, really)

Into a great yawning naw of the earth

Which would swallow in its cubist jaws
the body and soul of a man, leaving nothing,
nothing tangible behind — only a spirit, (some people would

ashes to ashes and man to dust) -

Well anyway – the important part – I'm forgetting the important part, the point of it all – the lesson, the moral – for we know, don't we, That all stories have a moral (our teachers teached us that) –

The guest of honour -

Wrapped in beautifully (but tastefully, of course) coloured velvet, enclosed in fancy (but not too expensive) wood

Accompanied by beautiful flowers that had stopped

growing too,

Was being driven in the biggest, plushest limousine of them all,

A Cadillac (yeah - dig it) with ornate sides, gleaming, polished black —

THE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION-

And it occurred to me! - This is right! this is the way it ought to be!

Everyone — I mean everyone — should get to ride in a Cadillac at least once in his life.

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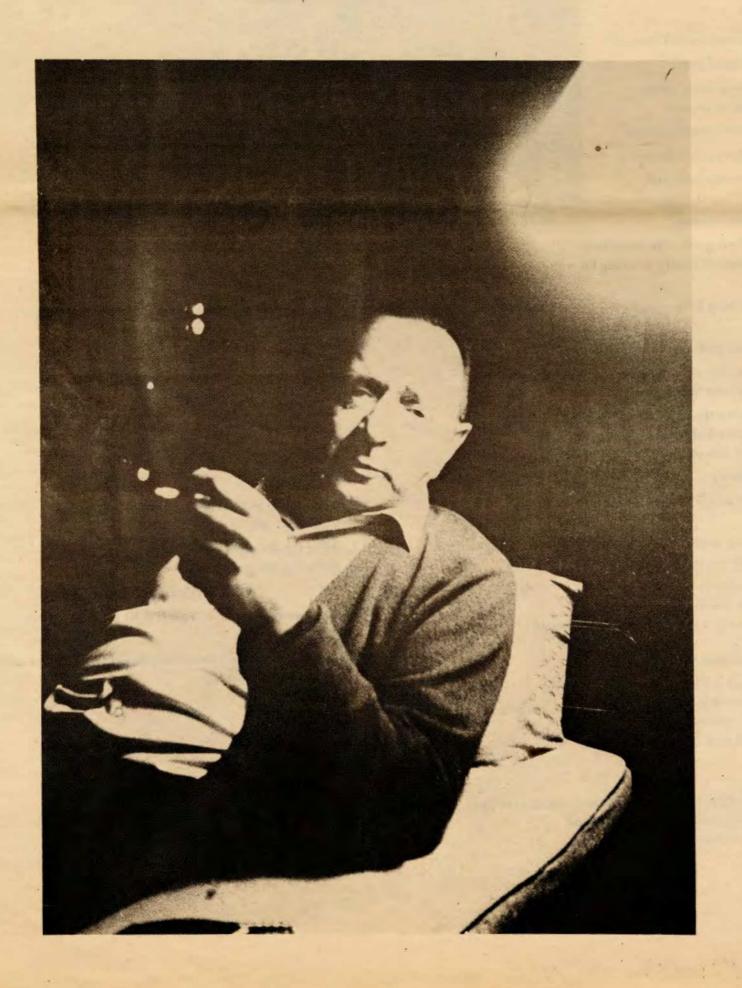
Oh Shadow

Oh shadow of the forever escaping light whose breath freshly breathes the fine fragrance that causes men to look upwards beyond horizons.

What aroma lingers on the borders of this broken field that causes reddened hands to grow heavy under a changing day.

On these fields where the crazed horse history has trod and trampled with iron hoop Death knows these borders by no other name.

Still farmers clear the skulls heads of unclaimed graves though death knows them by no other name and the air lightly scented with the sweet fragrance of a distant lingering has turned all hearts from the sad leafless days and given ears to the advancing clouds and the plague of crows.



Sand Witches

(The Dunes)

North Carolina.

The ocean stretching away from.

Two naked crystal nuns draw their smooth grey bodies

across the bar.

From off the ocean a homeless wind, as all winds are, spreads their diamond souls across the hell that heaven makes.

These are the sand witches.

These are the witches of wonder,

pulling themselves up to die

as constantly as man, never growing smaller

never any larger.

Treading a snails space on their sandy feet, they sing the bleached out bones that wind and crystal make.

No gulls rest here.

Here the scorpian eats his tail for dinner.

Death is an eternal diet here, where even the vulture

consumes his own shadow.

I trail my history cautiously in this place.

Lonesome as this Carolina sun, I cast no shadow;

and having none resign myself to non-substance.

Between two witches, I name a mystery

(myself, not self, hidden with the ashes of a whisper)

and forget.

Time and space receed with the mist.

Yesterday is a watch I forgot to wind.

A filament of blue between myself and the continent

is all I need of separation.

Between the fown and here my destination waits soon;

and soon enough will disappear.

In the sand my footsteps collapse and vanish

as soon as I am passed.

Unlike the words they pretend no path to follow.

I climb one crystal tear to face the dynamite of wind.

Unlike a snake there is some skin that a man cannot crawl out of.

Pain presupposes existence where for a moment there was none.

A memory of love carries me back towards a room where you are waiting.

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(The Wrecks)

Again the broken figure head, the paint

chipped boosom half revealed.

What sand buries water uncovers, then

carries away again. Here is the beached whore.

Wearing her lovers casually.

as stale perfume

and seaweed pearls,

she never asks for names.

A wooden wishbone protrudes from sand; intrudes the graceless blister of decay.

Separating the ribs I pass between, where only decay has any meaning.

I passed here once when I was born.

I am no longer a relic.

My foot prints wash away.
Your flesh still burns in my hand.

Tonight I will love you forever.

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(The Room)

Life is all, is all that is left.

Love is all I have left.

The womb, the wrecks,

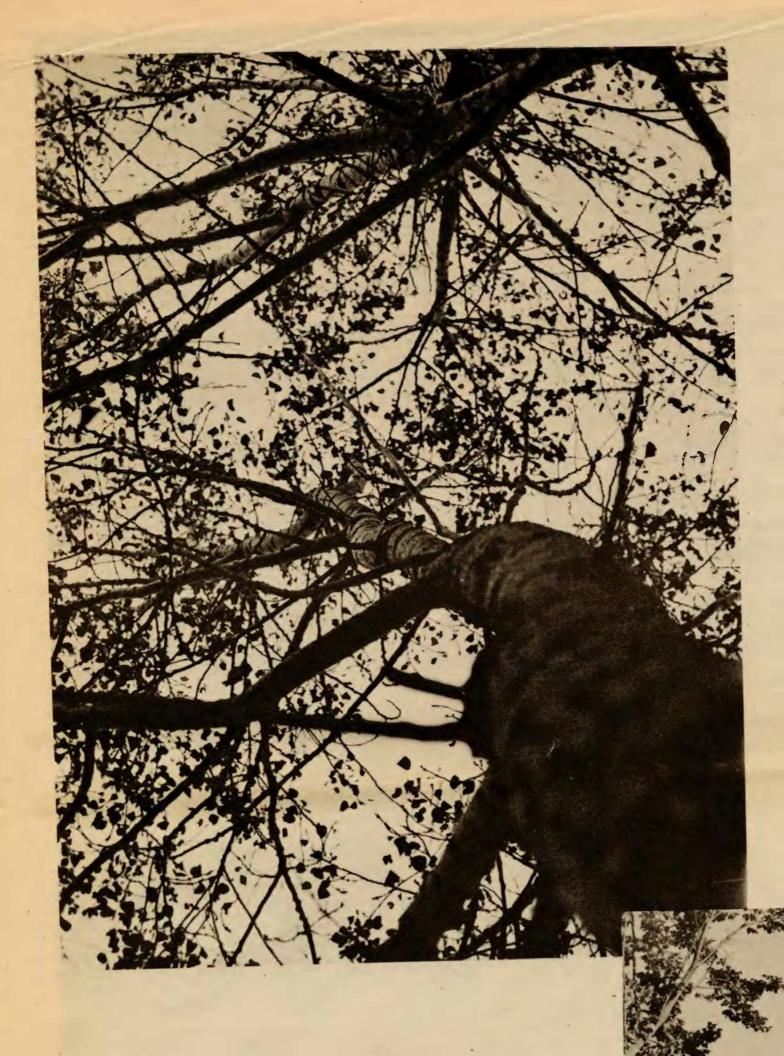
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Life is all, is all I have left.
Tonight I will love you forever.



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"Shoulder the sky my lad, and drink your ale".

(Last Poems)

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(The Winter's Tale)

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(Lavengro)

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Then change our cells and wait again. the grass is turning grey under the snow. Between the occasional in the audinasium of plat-homilitudes We sit and look and hide And play our ABC's and numbers games While our leaders run us through To distant goal boxes whose sides are too high from one another And whose prizes will not last until we get there. experimental mazes m 1967

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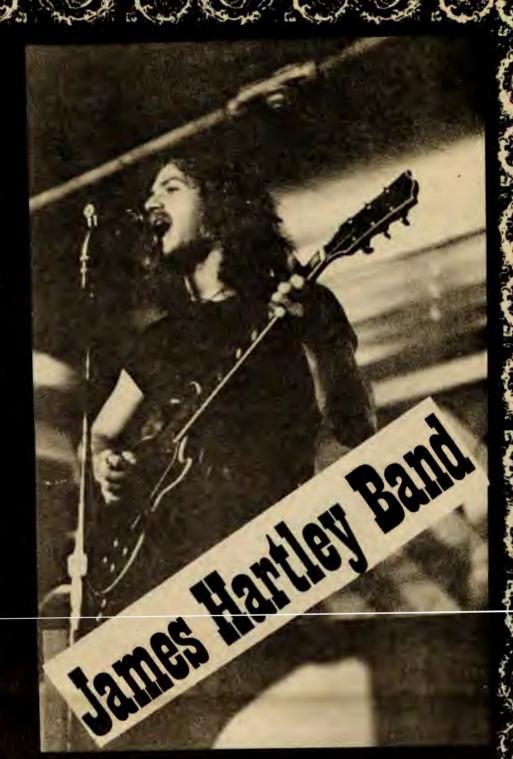
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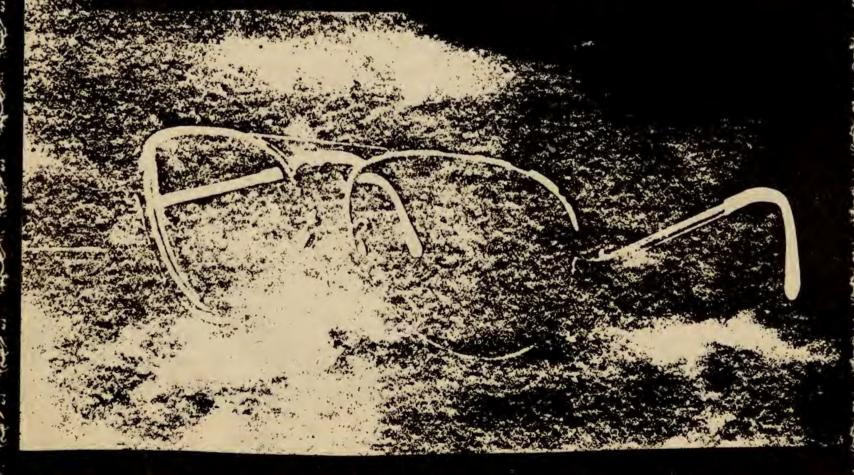
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ARM WRESTLING

The tradition of arm wrestling is centuries old. It appears that no specific rules have been laid down but if the basic rules below are followed, the end result will produce the maximum amount of enjoyment and the minimum of confusion.



Try and pick an opponent of similar height and build. There are three weight classes: Lightweight Up to 175 lbs. Middleweight 176 lbs. to 200 lbs. Heavyweight 201 lbs. and up.

Firstly, elect an impartial judge. This wise investment can prevent an arm wrestling match turning into a real wrestling match.

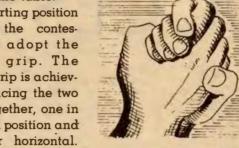
When you have your judge then find a good solid

table. The two contestants must sit and the free hand must either be placed behind the back or grip the opponent's free hand. Both feet must be planted firmly on the ground.

Elbows of both contestants should be placed on a beer mat or in a circle drawn on the table. At no time during the contest must a contestant's elbow

move out of the circle or leave the table.

The starting position requires the contestants to adopt the "palm" grip. The "palm" grip is achieved by placing the two hands together, one in a vertical position and the other horizontal.

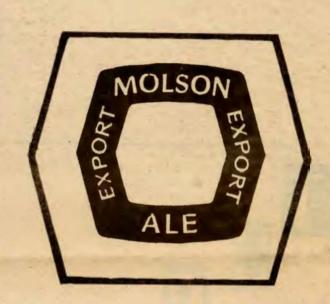


The judge allows the contestants five seconds to "take the strain". He counts off the seconds; at the "zero" the contest is on.

A match winner is decided either by the loser's hand touching the table or when in the opinion of the judge, the winner is in an obviously dominant position.

There you have the basic rules of arm wrestling. From time to time variations on these rules may appear in which case use your own judgment but ensure that, if adopted, they have the agreement of all parties.





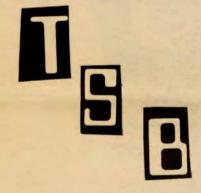
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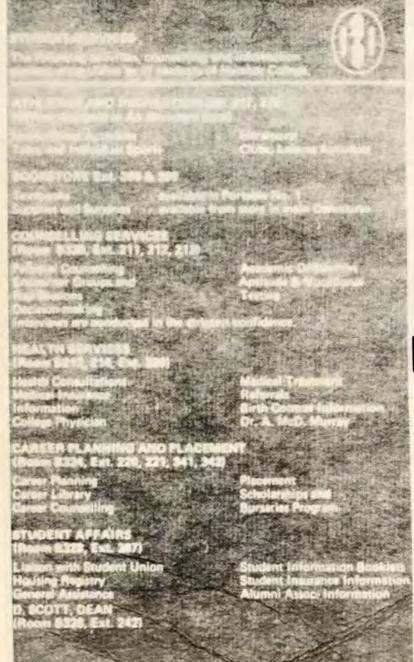
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