

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES' ENROLMENT HITS PEAK

The enrolment of both full-time and part-time students leapt upward again in 1961-62, and a new projection of student numbers indicated that in the ten years to 1970-71 they might be expected to triple.

In part because of the rapid increase in applications for admission to university, much attention is being given to selection among candidates. Results of a survey conducted by the Canadian Universities Foundation in the autumn of 1961 were summarized as follows:

Over the past four years, admission standards have been raised, moderately, by 11 of the 43 degree-granting universities which admit students at the junior or senior matriculation level.

Although in 1961 some qualified matriculants could not be accommodated in the course of their choice at the university first on their list of preferred institutions, all could be accommodated in other universities or affiliated colleges. The extent to which universities and their affiliates are expanding their facilities, and new colleges are being established, indicates that this will continue to be true for several years at least.

In order to improve the selection of applicants for admission, McGill University and Bishop's University made it a requirement that in and after 1962 all Canadian Board tests in the spring prior to entry had to be tried. These tests, prepared and widely used in the United States, have the additional advantage that results are available several weeks before those of secondary school leaving examination, thus making it possible for universities using them to grant provisional admission as early as June to students with top scores.

Interest in this type of selection device was reflected in a report on common entrance examinations presented to the 1962 annual meeting of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges. The Conference instructed its executive agency, the Canadian Universities Foundation, to establish a Canadian university and college entrance examination board and begin negotiations with the College Entrance Examination Board and the Educational Testing Service (of the U.S.A.) to explore the nature of possible working arrangements between a Canadian body and these organizations with a view to the development of an effective Canadian establishment.

The ninth report of the Atkinson Study of the Utilization of Human Resources made it clear, however, that the way to perfect selection is fraught with difficulties. From the information presented in the report, Dr. R.W.B. Jackson concluded:

For the best students in high school, and for the poorest, our predictions are reasonably good. For the other students -- certainly from the point of view of an individual applicant -- our results leave so much to be desired that we should in all fairness admit that our predictions of success or failure for a student, John Jones, might as well be based on the flip of a coin, where his school record falls anywhere in the wide middle range.

Sophomore Success

Wagon wheels, hay, and ancient doors set the atmosphere for the first sophomore party of the year. The party was held in the Parkdale Hall, which appeared very much like a barn that might. Most of the people at the party wore old clothes covered with patches or full of rips. Here and there a "Daisy Mae" or "Li'l Abner" could be seen completely the Dog Patch theme. Martin Corcoran and Eugene Kinch were Co-M.C.'s, supervising records and games. Toward the end of the evening song sheets were distributed and a sing song war held.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bentham and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hilton were chaperones for the party which proved from all accounts to be a success worthy of the Sophomore class.

Student Mental Health To Be Studied By Conference

TORONTO — World University Service of Canada, long noted for its assistance to students overseas, is going to play an important role at home in the coming year.

In cooperation with the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the Canadian Mental Health Association, the student-faculty organization is to sponsor a conference on student mental health.

The conference, which will be attended by Canadian university administrators and medical consultants, is to be held at Queen's University next May.

Experts from across Canada and the United States will lead discussion or the topics. This is the first such conference to be held in Canada.

The Canadian conference will be starting from scratch. The number of universities which have even adequate physical health services and student counselling services is limited. Most universities provide basic services, but in the opinion of some medical people and educators, they could be greatly improved.

Conferences on student physical and mental health have been held in the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia. WUS in Yugoslavia recently held a National Conference on Student Mental Health and as a result it has been decided to open mental health counselling services in seven different student communities.

Plans are also being made in Yugoslavia to organize a national conference in 1963 on the organization and operation of university health services.

Representatives from 11 Asian countries met in April of 1962 at the University of Ceylon for the second WUS Asian Conference of Experts on Student Health.

One of the findings of this meeting was that student psychological problems are wide-spread. This, the experts said, was due to heavily competitive examinations, lack of vocational counselling, financial difficulties and language problems among other causes.

A general principle laid down by this conference was that the university ought to accept responsibility for the health of its students, "health being seen in its broadest sense, that of physical, emotional and social well-being".

NFCUS APPEALS FOR MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The National Federation of Canadian University Students is making a special plea to all university students for literary and artistic contributions to **CAMPUS CANADA**, NFCUS's first real venture into the national magazine field.

"For many years," writes the National President, "the Federation has realised the need for a student magazine which would reflect student opinion on the issues of the day. True, there are means of giving expression to creative student writing: campus newspapers, annual literary booklets, etc. But the inherent benefits of national representation and distribution caused the Federation to seek a formula for producing a national student magazine.

"At the 26th National Congress in Sherbrooke, the University of British Columbia agreed to publish such a magazine for NFCUS. It appeared at long last that the Canadian student community has succeeded in its long search.

"Such, however, is not the case. The deadline for copy for the magazine is December 22nd., and the editors indicate the response so far has been slight."

Students may send along any pictures, cartoons, jokes, poems or limericks. Articles should be typewritten, not longer than 2,500 words and include writer's name and address. Photos should be 8 x 11 inch gloss prints, cartoons should be fairly large and drawn clearly on white paper.

NFCUS urgently requests the assistance of all students in making this magazine a success. Contributions should be submitted to Mike Lane, local NFCUS chairman.

NFCUS DESIGNS NEW PROGRAM

Yes, NFCUS (National Federation of Canadian University Students) is not such a bad organization after all. It has a concrete programme designed for the betterment of students on this campus.

Its biggest and most important drive at the present time is its endeavour to acquire a Winter Works grant from the federal government. The tip leading to the investigation which NFCUS is now carrying out was secured from the University of British Columbia, who, because they were situated in a "non-established area" managed to obtain a large grant from the federal government with which they built themselves a Students' Union Building. The question thus arose, "Why can't St. Dunstan's do the same?" It is quite possible that we are also situated in such an area. If we are, all we would have to do is incorporate our Student's Union, and we would thereby become eligible for a Winter Works grant.

NFCUS is also attempting to secure discounts from various firms in Charlottetown which will be applicable to students of S.D.U. only. Establishments which they are probing as to the possibilities of such discounts include a barber shop, a restaurant, a dry cleaners', and possibly the theatre.

Although plans are still in the formative stage, NFCUS is also working on a local educational conference to be held at S.D.U.

NEWS BRIEFS

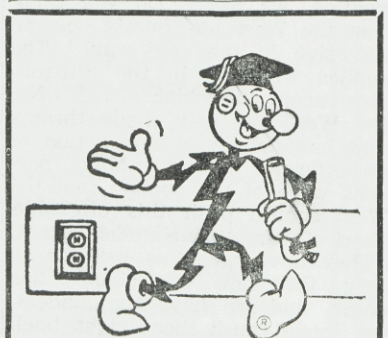
The Sophomore Class is the undisputed possessor of the Red Cross Blood Donor Trophy, with a percentage of 79 in the first term's drive for bleeders.

The Grievance Committee of the S.D.U. students has been drawn up under Chairman Colin MacMillan. Anyone with a grievance to submit, needs only to forward it in writing with the backing of ten signatures to any member of the Grievance Committee.

The new masthead which will adorn the front page of **RED AND WHITE** in future, was designed by Bob Tomkinson, the Art Director for **RED AND WHITE**, and was adopted at a **RED AND WHITE** executive meeting.

The Tri-service Ball was held on November 29th, at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte. The organizers aspire to make this one of the biggest events of the season in future, as it is on numerous Canadian campuses.

Exams will begin on Tuesday, December 11, and will run through to Wednesday, December 19.



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POLAND IN WORLD WAR TWO

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles written by David Hitchcock, a student at McMaster University. Mr. Hitchcock spent five weeks in Poland this summer as the McMaster delegate to the WUSC summer seminar. His article appeared in the **SILHOUETTE**, McMaster's campus publication.)

"Khrushchev, Adenauer and Gomulka went up to the pearly gates," a young Pole told me, "and each was told by Saint Peter that he could have one wish."

"Adenauer was asked first, and he wished that all the Russians might be exterminated. Then Khrushchev had his wish: that all the Germans might be exterminated."

A GOOD PIPE

"Then St. Peter asked Gomulka his wish."

"Well, in the circumstances," he said, "I think I'd like to sit down before the fire with a good pipe."

This half-amusing, half-serious anecdote illustrates the Scylla-and-Charybdis position of Poland. Sandwiched between Germany and Russia, she feels she must maintain her independence.

DOUBLE INVASION

When Germany started the Second War by invading Poland, Russia invaded at exactly the same time, from the east, by prearranged agreement.

But German domination during the Second World War and the accompanying Nazi atrocities provide the most bitter memory for modern-day Poles. These memories, supplemented by anti-German propaganda, make subordination to the Russian might much more palatable than the outside observer might assume.

ONE OF FIVE

During the war, one of every five Poles lost his life, mostly in German concentration camps.

Many of the victims were Polish intellectuals. As part of their anti-Slavic bias, the Nazis forbade any Polish schools to operate during the war. Every Polish child who grew up in this period remembers the secret rendezvous at the home of a teacher, with the constant fear of being caught by the Germans.

A professor or teacher would be summarily shot or taken off to a concentration camp and certain death. Thus, 43 per cent of the faculty of Warsaw University lost their lives during the war; and, of about 75 mathematicians active in the Polish Mathematical Society before the war, 38 died.

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION

When the Germans left at the end of the war, they maliciously destroyed everything they could. After putting down the Warsaw

uprising in August, 1944, they burnt the city, leaving less than 20 per cent of it standing.

Ruined houses and wide spaces still exist in the middle of flourishing modern cities as reminders of the rubble that once existed.

GRIM REMINDERS

Grim reminders of Nazi atrocities are the concentration camps, which have been preserved as they were where the Germans did not destroy them.

We toured Auschwitz—where four million people from all countries in Europe were murdered.

We were shown the shaven hair, ready to be shipped off for mattress stuffing, the gold dental fixtures and spectacles of the last victims, and the pathetically hopeful suitcases, with place of origin and a fake destination. The gallows and the barbed wire, the crematoria and the shooting gallery for special prisoners were all pointed out to us. To round off the picture, the guide showed a film of the camp when it was first liberated—with still undisposed bodies lying in heaps on the ground.

FEARS KEPT ALIVE

Through it all ran a note of invective against anything German. There was little distinction between Nazism and Germany.

Young children of eight or nine were standing around in groups waiting to be taken on this tour, to be shown what they "don't remember." Every Polish school child is taken on a tour of such a camp.

YOUNGSTERS SHOWN

Afterwards, I asked a Polish girl who had seen the camp three times whether she hated the Germans.

"Yes, of course, both east and west," she said.

"But what is your attitude to individual Germans?"

"What do you mean? I don't understand."

"If you met a German, what would your opinion of him be?"

"But I never have any contact with Germans."

"Well, then, I don't think about it."

She admitted that, while working in an English hotel, she went out of her way to avoid the German tourists.

By such means the regime manages to keep alive the Polish fears of Germany.

Whether these fears are justified is questionable. Germany is a strong power and an aggressive one, but Polish fear sometimes appears in quite irrational forms. And yet, in its attitude to Poland's so-called "western territories," Germany and the west are providing a real basis for these exaggerated fears.

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