

More varsity voices



Lock up keys

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 fit to render for the recent blood donor clinic held at the U of A.
 At these clinics 2,751 students registered with a net result of 2,496 donors, an increase of 10 per cent over the clinic of last year.
 Once again, many thanks.
 Yours truly,
 P. G. Arnot
 Director of Donor Panels

IRATE STAFFER

To The Editor:
 As a member of the U of A staff, I am truly, very disappointed with the response given to the Students' Council general election nominations. With an enrolment of over 6,000 surely the students of this campus have among them more than 11 people with the leadership ability and personality along with the requirements stated by our constitution and the desire to stand for election to the Students' Council. Yet 11 is the meager number of nominations received by the returning officer. More drastic still is the fact that two offices were completely void of nominations by the Wednesday deadline—causing it to be extended. True, the public declaration of the nominations being open left much to be desired, but what sort of students have we here that would let the most important event of the year slide by with little more than a blink of the eye! Or perhaps (I'm now being more optimistic.) students who are qualified feel they have little or no chance for election when in competition with the "old timers;" or perhaps they prefer to leave matters up to "the other fellow"; or it could be there are simply too many jobs and activities for students to participate in. Remaining, though, is the fact that the U of A student are following the example their elders display in so many government elections.
 How may young adults learn to respect their leaders by having them

forced upon them by being elected "by acclamation?" By not exercising their privileges and rights the students here have produced an election ballot that strongly resembles that being used in Communistic "elections."
 Ed. NOTE: I don't mind being called an old-timer. But a Communist! That is the ultimate. It is the crowning achievement of the term.

FRATS DEFENDED

To The Editor:
 In the Feb. 23rd issue of the Gateway there was a letter by one Paul Richards entitled "Down with Frats." Here are some points I would like to put forth concerning this letter.
 1. Mr. Richards is even more artificial than he claims fraternity men are. I can find no Paul Richards listed as a student on this campus.
 2. "With one exception I have yet to meet a fraternity 'man' who wasn't either superficial and/or artificial." I know as well as anyone that there are fraternity men that fit into the above classification. However, you will find people that fit into this category from every group on this campus. Mr. Richards must have a very low opinion of everyone on this campus then or else he just doesn't know many people that are in a fraternity. There are probably some in his class that are fraternity men and he considers them friends and sincere because he doesn't know their fraternity connections. Almost certainly one of his professors is an alumnus of a fraternity. A lot of the men on our Students' Council are members of a fraternity. Many internationally famous men have been fraternity members. They have included presidents of the U.S.A., foreign ministers, and bishops of churches throughout the world. I doubt if you can say that these men are artificial.
 3. "Fraternity men never delve deeply into things." On this campus the men's fraternities usually have

a higher academic average than is the overall men's average. To get good marks on this campus you have to be smart and/or work hard. I don't believe that fraternity men are any different than non-fraternity men when it comes to intelligence. Therefore we have to delve into things also or else we'll be on the outside looking in.
 4. "Fraternities are impotent." For years the songfest proceeds went to charity and now they go to a scholarship for a student who is matriculating and entering this university. This scholarship is to be offered each year. Fraternities also provide a big force behind blood drives and other things of this nature.
 5. "They have no ideas." I propose that Mr. Richards had an idea but did not do any research to obtain facts to back it up. Furthermore, I have an idea for Mr. Richards. Suppose he should actually get to know a few fraternity men. By this I mean get to know more than just their name. Further, I suggest that he does not reveal his affiliation with that letter as we might become superficial and therefore not show our true character in his presence.
 From his letter the impression is left that Mr. Richards is a sincere and deep thinking person. If he is as he likes to believe and gets to know a few fraternity men he will find his statements true only part of the time and will have to admit "I did not look into the matter far enough before I wrote that letter."
 Any time he cares to get to know me, if he doesn't already, he can get in touch with me. I can guarantee that I am for real. If he does not accept this challenge I can only assume:
 (a) He feels I have thoroughly refuted his ideas or
 (b) the wrong party was called "artificial and superficial."
 Delta Kappa Epsilon
 Gerry Mears

Apparently color night is March 16, and since there is no Gateway after March 16th I feel a few observations about the awards system and the campus comers are in order now. Rumor has it that the full quota of 12 golden keys will be given this year. I contend that there are only about six people on this campus worthy of golden keys, and that the other six should be given lemons.
 The golden key award and other awards are given in recognition of an individual's contribution to student activities. I feel that these awards should be given to people who actually have contributed something to student life, and not to people merely because they are glorified joe boys or are on the awards committee. Just because there are a specified number of awards is no reason for the awards committee to scrounge around the bottom of the barrel to find people to take them. These awards should be something that takes ability and hard work to get.
BOOT LICKERS
 The condition now, it seems, is that the person who knows most of the awards committee, slaps them on the back most, licks their boots most, kisses their ----- most, gets an award. The condition that is now developing is that an award received in this institution only proves one thing.

That is the recipient is the best back slapper, boot licker, --- kisser, on campus. An award is no longer respected. Granted it gives those who receive them a bit of prestige, and they are big men in their own minds; however, the masses are not so dumb. Look at the consequences. These people are supposedly campus leaders, but if the prevalent apathy trend continues they will have no one to lead. A leader has to be respected before anyone will follow him. This year a number of the positions on students' council were attained by acclamation. I suppose next year these people will be hailed as great leaders and great contributors to campus life. This year I feel they are good people, but let's wait until they do something to pat them on the back, and not for just being Johnny on the Spot with ten names.
 In my estimation the whole situation stinks. By giving awards to certain backslappers it degrades those worthy of awards. No longer do people get out and work for their own enjoyment and the betterment of student life; they now just go around kissing ----- and licking boots, and the result is the same. I guess in their opinion the ends justify the means. I can not see how a man who gets an award by these devious ways can have any pride in himself. He should actually feel sick, because he is sick.

Yours truly,
 P.O.

Pre-christmas exams favored

A student council-sponsored survey has revealed a majority of students favor of pre-Christmas exams. Of the 762 students polled, 58 per cent were in favor with 36 per cent opposed.
 The proportion of those voting in favor of the shorter term decreased with the length of stay on campus, almost two-thirds of first year students expressing this preference as against approximately only one-half of fourth year students.
 Main reasons given for pre-Christmas examinations were: an opportunity to earn higher marks (33 per cent); incentive to work hard (49 per cent), and a more pleasant holiday season to look forward to (53 per cent).
 The main reason given for preferring the longer term was the opportunity to prepare for examina-

tions (30 per cent). Some 20 per cent of the total group also gave the following reasons: more restful holidays, a chance to improve academic standing, greater validity of marks thus obtained because more ground would be covered, and a better conception of final examinations, for the same latter reason.
 Responses obtained indicate the student body feels strongly about Christmas examinations. At least 74 per cent of the respondents indicated they felt "very strong" or "strong" about this matter.
HOLIDAY TIME
 Very little studying is apparently done during the Christmas recess. Some 46 per cent of the respondents did less than five hours of study; 73 per cent did not put in more than 15 hours, all told. No attempt was made to identify the type of student who studied between 16 to 50 hours or more.
 Though 68 per cent of the respondents went on record to say that January examinations had been confined to the test week, only 19 per cent—in response to

a differently worded item indicated that examinations had been spread over a period of less than 9 days.
 When asked for his comments on the survey, Dr. Ryan, executive assistant to the president, had the following to say:
 "Other things being equal, the students would prefer to have their exams over before Christmas. However, equating the terms causes a problem."
 "Students, in the past, have emphasized that their chief concern is not date of exams, but the spread. They feel that exams, which are called term exams, should be scheduled within a reasonably short period at the end of the term. They find that it is disruptive to their whole routine of life at the University, to have term tests given by some instructors early in December when the majority of the tests are held in the middle of January. This does not mean that students feel that instructors should lose their right to give other tests at their own discretion."

Quaffers quelled

CALGARY—What has been termed "administration pressure" has been brought to bear on a beer-drinking contest scheduled by students at the University of Alberta, Calgary branch.
 The Engineering Students' Society, which originally planned to sponsor the off-campus contest, was "forced" to withdraw its sponsorship, according to informed sources. The contest was eventually held, under private sponsorship.
 Winner was Moses Chirambo, the arts and science, who downed 31 glasses of beer in one hour—to defeat a two-man engineering team which could only quaff 27 glasses.

US peace corp attracts members

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (CUP-Special)—The United States Peace Corp may have 5,000 members by September.
 Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., director of the corps, told the Fourth International Affairs Conference for College Editors that 2,000 young Americans will be in training or overseas by the end of June. At present there are 830 Peace Corps members, more than 600 now serving overseas.

