

Council Recommends Lengthened Academic Year



A student giving his required pint. By the end of the blood drive, Wednesday, donation statistics stood as follows: Monday, 357; Tuesday, 499; Wednesday, 531; for a total donation of 1,387. The drive will go again in two weeks.

Students Bleeding Less Than Required Rate

Almost 1,000 students Tuesday evening had registered and contributed to the first two days of the 1960 Blood Drive which is being held on campus this week in the Wauneita lounge.

Each afternoon and evening clinic is staffed by five volunteers from McLeod club, the Student Nurses' club, and 13 from the Red Cross association. The latter group includes two technicians who type the blood of each student and two drivers who are on the spot to rush the

blood to the Red Cross where it is processed into plasma.

This is probably one of the busiest spots on campus this week. Long lines extending into the SUB hallway lead into the temporary clinic composed of 12 beds and numerous rest beds. The operation takes approximately ten minutes. The students are treated to refreshments after their donation has been made.

Gerry McDougall, campaign manager, commented that student apathy seems to have "spread to their blood vessels, they all have the grey sickness and are not turning up to support the blood drive."

Unless more students turn out than have for the two opening days, the 3,000 objective will not be reached.

Students' Council Tuesday hammered out four recommendations to be forwarded to the General Faculty Council regarding changes in the academic year.

Council recommended the academic year commence approximately two weeks earlier.

Lionel Jones, arts rep, strongly opposed the resolution, declaring the present system which has existed for many years is adequate and any faults in educational standards must be searched for elsewhere. He also stated that students requiring summer jobs would find it difficult to support themselves

with the decreased time to earn money.

Countering this, NFCUS rep, P. J. Clooney stated summer jobs are secondary and it must be recognized courses cannot be adequately covered in the present academic year.

Marietta Thornton, house ec rep, stated that several years ago a commission under the direction of Dr. Shaner investigated the possibilities of increasing the academic year. The report found this movement was instigated by jealous professors who taught single term courses; these courses being two weeks shorter than if they were taught in the second term.

She further declared that money earned in the summer is not secondary considerations. Miss Thornton noted that Alberta provides for the

same number of teaching days as other camps on the continent.

Ella Stewart, ed rep, recommended the term commence earlier in the fall, pointing out that many education students use the time in the spring to practice teach. Countering this, it was noted many employers prefer employment in the fall rather than early spring.

Council felt if the terms were lengthened additional subsidization from the government would be needed to aid students who depend on summer jobs.

Council recommended a sharper division between the two terms, although the weighing of marks would probably still be left up to the discretion of professors. Council unanimously supported the continuance of Christmas exams before the holidays.

Students' Council supported the idea of a break between the termination of lectures and exam week. Jones declared very little is gained in the last lectures, because many professors often attempt to cram several weeks work into the final lectures.

Dent rep, Bob Hazelton, stated a break between lectures and exams is imperative for students to assimilate the year's work.

Council strongly opposed the recommendation that exam week be lengthened. This was not felt necessary if time was to be given for study before exam week.

A recommendation that freshmen register early was squelched. Council stated that advantage which freshmen would receive from becoming acquainted with professors would be outweighed by the benefit received from coming in contact with upperclassmen in the first days of Fresh week.

Jim Coutts, law rep, will present Council's views to the General Faculty Council.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Gamma emerged victors from the IFC-Pan-Hel Songfest Monday night.

Of a possible 200 points, the Dekes were awarded 165 followed by Delta Upsilon with 162 and Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Alpha Mu 158. In the women's competition Delta Gamma achieved the highest marks of any sorority with a score of 170 points. Kappa Alpha Theta took second place with Pi Beta Phi last.

Seven fraternities and three sororities took part in the actual competition. Each group was required to sing two selections of its own choice. Zeta Psi as usual presented a comedy skit which highlighted embarrassing moments in the life of each group.

Peter Hyndman and Hal Veal, acting as emcees, introduced a new policy in Songfest announcing. Outlined the history of the fraternity system and a short speech about each fraternity proved to be as interesting and often as humorous as the comedian routine for former songfests. Another new feature was an inter-

view with each director immediately following his number. Several standard questions were asked of each.

Adjudicators were once more Prof. Eaton and Prof. Crighton of the music department. It is their responsibility to determine who is to take home the trophies.

The award for the highest fraternity average returned to Sigma Alpha Mu. Awards to the top six individual averages were also presented.

Songfest was co-directed by Peter Coldham and Beverly Simmons. All proceeds from the evening are donated to charity.

Council Appoints New Editor

John Taylor, ex-engineer, and sourdough has been unanimously and quietly accepted by Students' Council as new Editor-in-Chief of The Gateway.

The 20-year-old ex-gridiron star for Victoria Composite grade elevens' will waive the Students' Union constitution regulation that he become editor February 15, and will not take office until the beginning of the 1960 football season.

Taylor's qualifications for the editorship consist of two years under the masthead, and three weeks of planning a daily newspaper for his fellow miners of north Yellowknife. This daily was never published due to lack of printing facilities and carbon paper.

The new editor has spent all his life in Edmonton. He was secretary of the Students' Union of McDougall junior high school, until his voice changed. At Victoria Composite, he spent two years representing rooms, and in his grade twelve year was elected president of the Students' Union.

One of his outstanding qualifications is his experience with Students' Councils, which taught Taylor to avoid them.

After graduating from high school, Taylor went underground. He drew a pay cheque from Discovery Mines for picking gold, and became accustomed to dirt.

Then he enrolled in engineering at the University, to satisfy a childish

ambition, and joined The Gateway because "I liked writing and was in engineering." At year's end, he left the plumbers for honors physics, and stuck with the paper.

On The Gateway, Taylor has distinguished himself as a manager, a chauffeur, a sign-snatcher and a Christian. Other favorable characteristics are his aversion to shaving and white shirts, and his "understanding" treatment of new female staffers.

In his letter of application to Council, Taylor promised to "live up to the standards of past Gateway editors."



John Taylor

Education Presenting Big VGW Promotion

A Carnival and other events through Varsity Guest Weekend are being planned by the faculty of Education, taking an active part in the weekend this year.

Activities will begin on Friday afternoon with a broomball game between members of the faculty of Education and another opposing team, possibly from Arts and Science.

A moccasin dance, sponsored by Education, will be held on Friday evening, in Varsity rink, at 9:45 pm., following the basketball game and Varsity Varieties. The dance is free of charge and hot chocolate will be served. Highlights of the dance will be the crowning of the Education Queen. Candidates are all from Education.

A series of novelty races between

faculties is being planned as part of the Carnival, on Saturday beginning at 1:30 pm. A positive response has been received from Agriculture, Pharmacy, House Ec, and Nursing. It is hoped that eight or more faculties will participate.

Included among the races is a toboggan race, with a route around the campus, a relay depot, and other features along the lines of last year's ox-cart races. Other races slated for the afternoon are an obstacle ski race, a greased barrel race, a flat board race, a snow-shoe race and a three-legged race from groups of four people.

To add a little color to the Carnival, a dog team and a couple of horse-drawn sleights to take people on tours of the campus, will be featured, depending on the snow conditions. It is also hoped that a ski race, with skiers being pulled by

horses, will form part of the afternoon's activities.

A big feature of the Carnival will be snow figurine contest. At least six faculties, including Engineering, are in the contest and will create figurines in front of their respective faculty buildings. The fraternities have combined to build three figurines in the quad opposite Tuck. These will be judged separately for an Inter-fraternity cup and the winning entry will be judged in the contest as a whole for which another cup will be offered. It is hoped that as many faculties as possible will contribute to this interesting display by building a snow or ice figurine.

Other entertainment on Saturday afternoon will be a feature film from 3 to 5 pm. in the Education auditorium. Hot chocolate will be served in the Education building.

The EUS executive is in charge of the Carnival events for the Weekend.