

Survey unearths little known facts

by Greg Harris

If you're a U of A undergrad you're probably an Albertan between the ages of 18 and 24, single, living at home with your parents, and struggling to finance your education.

You also probably don't know what the functions of the U of A Senate, Board of Governors or General Faculties Council are.

These are just a few of the findings of a comprehensive survey conducted by the U of A's Office of Institutional Research and Planning (OIRP).

OIRP sent out a survey to some 1,300 undergrads back in October 1979 asking questions ranging in topic from study habits to summer jobs to familiarity with various university organizations.

Ninety-three percent of the respondents were Canadian citizens; about 70 percent of those being Albertan. About 80 percent were single and between the ages of 18 and 24.

The survey shows the primary source of students' funds came from summer employment earnings; parental contributions, student loans and part time jobs were the next most frequent sources of funds respectively.

One of the questions asked students to deduct the amount needed for eight months housing from their summer earnings;

most were left with a small amount to cover the rest of the year's expenses.

Thirty percent had less than \$500; 30 percent had between \$500 and \$1,500; 25 percent had between \$1,500 and \$2,500 and 15 percent managed to hang on to more than \$2,500.

Parental contributions varied greatly among the 43 percent of the students who received them. Ten percent received less than \$1,000 while another 10 percent received more than \$9,000; the rest were generally evenly distributed in between.

Thirty-five percent of the students surveyed applied for student loans. Of these, 63 percent received less than they applied for.

Seeking employment during the school term seems a necessary recourse for many. Forty percent had to take on part time jobs in the past to finance their education; 22 percent said they had to take a year off to work in order to accumulate funds.

The survey results show several other interesting characteristics of the student population: 40 percent live at home with their parents; 35 percent rented an apartment or house either by themselves or with friends; 13 percent lived in a U of A residence, and 5 percent owned their own home.

Forty-three percent used public transit to get to university, 28 percent walked, 16 percent drove, 6 percent got a ride with someone else, and 3 percent were members of a car pool.

Students' most frequent study locations were at their own residence (76 percent) and libraries on campus (19 percent). Few used lounges or cafeterias (4 percent) or empty classrooms (1

percent).

The survey also asked students to rate their familiarity with and the usefulness of various campus facilities, services and organizations. Forty-eight percent had never heard of the U of A Senate, 36 percent had some idea

of its function, and only 13 percent said they were familiar with it to some degree.

Students were equally unfamiliar with the Board of Governors, The U of A's ruling body, and the General Faculties Council, the highest academic authority on campus.

By contrast, about 20 percent knew about both the Centre for Improvement of Study Skills and the Institute for Educational Reform, neither of which exists.

Speakers for every occasion

Would your group like to hear a speaker on current Canadian constitutional issues? Or would you prefer a discussion of a topic such as metaglossotherapy?

The University of Alberta Speakers' Bureau was set up to share just that kind of knowledge and expertise of its academic staff with the Edmonton community at large.

"The Speakers' Bureau has been around a long time. I would think since the beginning of the university but in a formal sense for eight or ten years," says Sandra Hulme, public relations assistant in the Office of Community Relations.

With over three hundred names of volunteer speakers on file, it is able to fill almost any request by an organization for a speaker.

Topics range from the latest areas of research to the avocational interests of the volunteer speakers involved.

The size of the audiences are as widely diversified as the topics. They vary from small groups of ten to annual dinner meetings with up to one hundred attending.

This service is provided at no

cost, except for out of town engagements, expenses for which are paid by the sponsoring organization.

According to Hulme the Bureau does not advertise but "some people find out about us

from the Edmonton Convention Bureau" with whom they are registered.

For further information contact the Office of Community Relations at 432-2325.

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back. Bauer himself left his 67¢, with a note stating that if everyone couldn't have 67¢ as well, he didn't want his.

In preparation for the next assault, the Gateway office is now

a death trap of barbed-wire entanglements and machine gun nests. Campus Security has begun digging trenches and setting up artillery posts at the eastern and western approaches to the beleaguered position.

Zimbabwe forum

What has been called a "miracle" by Lord Carrington, British Foreign Secretary and Lord Soames, former Governor of Rhodesia — the settlement of Zimbabwe after seven years of civil war — will be the subject of a public lecture in Tory building on

campus Wednesday.

Denis Walker, former minister of Industry in Ian Smith's government, and Joram Kucherera, a senior civil servant in the department of agriculture, will speak in lecture theatre TL-12 at 7 p.m.

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