

# "No Social Snobbery In Frats" Claims President

What does it mean to be a member of a fraternity? What are the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to a fraternity?

Interviewed on these questions, Marilyn Anderson, president of the Panhellenic Society, said that fraternities are social organizations, which offer fellowship and the opportunity to gain many new friends.

Numerous social functions and an active intramural sports program offer excellent opportunities to meet people. "Women's fraternities are annually asked to sell football tickets, usher at meetings, and to organize a Christmas party for chronically ill children.

"The charge that belonging to a fraternity results in a limited circle of friends is just not true," says Miss Anderson. About the charge of social snobbery, she said she had not noticed any.

#### Scholastic Achievement Important

Academic standing is emphasized in all fraternities. Mr. Andre, president of IFC, said that fraternity men benefit from assistance by upper-classmen. Membership in all fraternities is dependent on a 60 per cent average. There is always strong competition for the Panhellenic Scholarship Cup, which is awarded to the women's fraternity house with the highest academic average. The men's fraternities have a similar contest.

Mr. Andre admitted that there is the temptation to let studies

go in favor of parties and other social affairs. "Actually," he said, "it is not compulsory to spend more than two hours a week on fraternity functions," but "every night at least two or three fellows are doing something besides studying, and the temptation to join in is great."

Is there any truth in the charge that there is racial and religious discrimination in the fraternities? Marilyn Anderson stated "There is certainly no discrimination in the women's fraternities." Mr. Andre was equally emphatic in his denial of discrimination based on racial or religious prejudice. "Personally, I am very much against discrimination," said Mr. Andre. According to Bryan Stazicker, vice-president of Zeta Psi, most Canadian fraternity men are of the same opinion. At present, there are no discriminatory clauses in the constitution of any fraternity on the campus. The last of these clauses disappeared four years ago.

#### Frats In Transition

The affiliations some fraternities have in the Southern States may still cause some complications, admitted Mr. Andre.

Non-Christians may in effect find it impossible to join some fraternities, because their initiation ceremony is based on the Christian tradition. "We are in a transition period now," said Mr. Andre, who is confident that the last traces of discrimination will soon disappear.

"A frat member—he has his frat, and he stays with his frat, and he's

a frat member, that's all." This was the opinion of Reg Lister, when he was interviewed by The Gateway last January. "It's either faculties or fraternities today which has spoiled the spirit on this campus" said Mr. Lister. This charge of divided loyalty, Miss Anderson says, is actually exaggerated. Mr. Andre said "A non-fraternity man is not very likely to make many friends in other faculties. In a fraternity house

you have 60 good friends from all faculties."

Cost is always a ticklish matter. Miss Anderson said that, while there are great differences among the different women's fraternities, the cost, which is spread over three or four years, averages about \$278. For men, explained Mr. Andre, membership is free the first year. The second year the cost is \$100, and the third and fourth it is \$50.

The status fraternities enjoy in the administration is very high. Miss Anderson is most happy about the relations between fraternities and administration on the campus. "We have always enjoyed 100 per cent co-operation," she stated. Actually, commented Harvie Andre, many professors and several deans and heads of departments are themselves fraternity men.

## 30 Years Of Fraternities

Fraternities were introduced on the University of Alberta campus about 30 years ago.

There are now eight men's fraternities and three women's fraternities at U of A.

Most of the fraternities originated in American Universities in the late 1800's but were not allowed on our campus till 1928.

International memberships of the eleven fraternities now on campus vary from 500 to 73,000 members. Membership varies; some fraternities here have as few as 30. Fraternities are primarily a social brotherhood. Some fraternities emphasize academic achievement.

The Progressive Conservative Student Federation has established a branch at the University of Alberta in Calgary, to become the first political party organized at UAC.

## Clark Welcomes Diefenites

Chief aim of the campus Conservative club this year is to foster student interest in public affairs through a series of critical discussions.

At Tuesday's organization meeting, executive members outlined plans for a discussion group series and the program for a student seminar October 15.

Club president Joe Clark welcomed new members to the club, and reported organization of Canada's 39th Progressive Conservative Student Federation club, at Calgary this year.

Guest speaker Al Lazerte, provincial Conservative organization chairman, told the meeting that an interest in bettering the lot of humanity was the most important single reason for becoming active in politics.

He asked students to "discuss the issues of the day, and consider all parties before you choose." He said the Conservative party is broad, with room for all range of thought, and said while "we are a traditional party, we believe in change with stability."

A call for volunteers to campaign and advertising committees, followed by a question period, completed the meeting.

## Notley Chairs Frosh Reception

Campus leader of the CCF, Grant Notley, chaired a Frosh Reception in west lounge SUB, October 2. Guest speakers were Floyd Johnson, provincial leader of the CCF; Professor Mardiros, department of philosophy; Keith Wright, Alberta president of the Young CCF; Ivor Dent, candidate for city council; and James Russell, staff representative of the United Steel Workers of America.

The two hour reception was attended by 50 persons. A short skit, a singsong and lunch concluded the entertainment.

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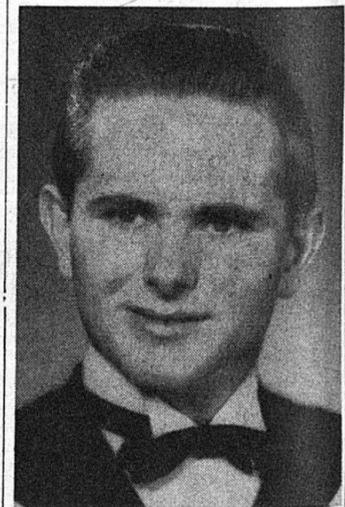
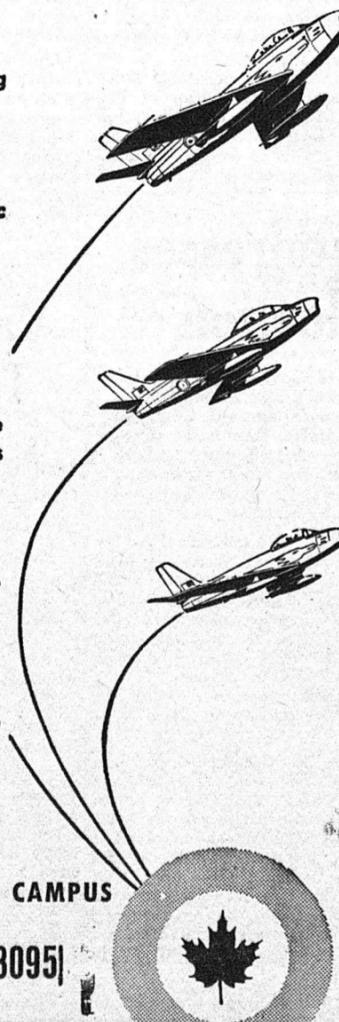
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