

- Council Shorts -

Slides depicting both the academic and extra-curricular fields of life in the University of Alberta were shown to Council complete with an accompanying sound track. Members of the Varsity Guest Weekend committee will be showing the films to interested high schools as further promotion for the Weekend.

Three proposals were put forward in regard to the system of award giving. It was suggested Major Hooper, adviser to men students and Mrs. J. Grant Sparling, dean of women sit on the awards committee in an advisory role.

A sliding point system will be used to gauge the diverse activities considered in selecting an award winner. All decisions as to who receive the awards will be left to the discretion of the awards committee rather than Students' Council as in past years.

No actual plans for residences will be known until the Board of Governors meets on February 3, to consider the recommendations of F. A. Schwendiman, who was invited to Alberta to share his experience in University housing projects.

The election committee presented their proposals on revamping the

student election regulations. These will be voted on and incorporated in the next regular meeting.

A motion recommending the new council to form a committee composed of members of council, the Alberta Bar Association, the commerce advisory committee and representatives of the faculty of law and commerce to investigate the pros and cons of dismembering the University was passed. Council opposed the idea of forming two half completed Universities but felt more knowledge of the problem should be assembled before an actual stand could be taken.

Bob Rose, education rep was elected chairman of the Color Night committee. Also on the committee will be Lionel Jones, secretary-treasurer, Martha Munz, house ec rep and a representative of the executive of Mens' Athletics.

Shades of Kenton! Students' Union just lost some money on another concert.

But all is serene, and we have no chance for an angry editorial, as the deficit is under \$50.

Student's Council had agreed to co-sponsor with the Department of Extension a performance of the Baroque Trio and split any losses. It might be noted that more people on campus are interested in 17th century music than in jazz, and if Students' Council keeps this in mind no sponsors need fear going Baroque, with a future flop-rooee.

Soaked Up Facts

Both the older history and geography courses and the present social studies program have many educational advantages, Dr. W. H. Johns, University president, said this week.

He was commenting on the recent surveys made by history professors, Dr. W. J. Eccles and Dr. R. H. McNeal, and geography professor W. C. Wonders. The tests found that students who had taken social studies had a "deplorable" lack of knowledge of the facts of history and geography.

"The solution to the problem might be a new synthesis of history, geography, and social studies, which would offer the systematic study of facts stressed by history and geography, and the understanding and application of principles that constitute the social studies program," he said.

"When I went to school, we soaked up facts, but we had little understanding of their meaning. We knew little of the significance of history and geography upon mankind.

"Today, social studies students gain a good background in many of the problems of humanity. They do not, however, acquire many facts to support this background. A fusion of the old and the current courses would give use a better program than we have yet seen."

NFCUS Brief To Feds

OTTAWA (CUP) — NFCUS will present a brief to the federal government in February asking for a remedy to the financial obstacles which prevent many students from attending University.

President Bruce Rawson told delegates to the NFCUS Ontario Regional Conference here last weekend of plans to ask for federal assistance in providing 10,000 bursaries of \$600 each.

There is a "disproportion between occupation groups in society, and their representation at University," he said. "The top 15 per cent contribute 50 per cent of our students; the bottom 20 per cent contribute only five per cent."

Using statistics compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the National Conference of Universities and Colleges and independent studies, President Rawson presented the financial background for a year a University.

The average cost to attend for one year is \$1,400. This comes from three sources: summer earnings, scholarships bursaries and loans, and family assistance. "A student would have to earn \$475 a month during the four and a half months to pay his expenses. Yet only one in four earn \$275 a month," he said. He added that the average summer saving

comes to \$500. Scholarships, bursaries and loans contribute about eight per cent towards the cost of attendance. "About six out of ten students receive an average of \$550 plus room and board from their parents," Rawson said. The national average for family contribution comes to \$700. However, he declared, three out of every four children can expect no assistance.

Concluding the outline of the NFCUS plan of action he told the delegates that there was a profound change of view being noted in Canada. "The national loss that is being incurred through the failure of young people with talent to go to University is becoming clear."

EMPLOYMENT

The Hagen Corporation offers a position for one second or third year student in chemistry or chemical engineering. Part time work during the academic year and full time during the summer. Phone for an interview at GE 9-4318.

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