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RAPID CROSSFIRE—Debate rages as members of students' council tackle one of several issues that came up for their consideration Monday at the regular council meeting.

Campus patrol chief replaced; resents administration's decision

By SHEILA BALLARD

The U of A's campus patrol chief has been replaced.

Administration officials refuse to reveal the reasons behind the move.

However, The Gateway has learned that former chief, A. L. McDonald, is extremely resentful of the action.

Mr. McDonald would say only that he was given a "raw deal" by the administration and that "in 17 years of police work he had never seen anyone treated so badly."

The personnel officer of the university refused to comment on Mr. McDonald's replacement except to say it had been a "carefully considered action taken by the administration."

"I can understand that you would want to know the reasons involved but I can only say that the action taken was essentially unavoidable.

"Any further information would have to come from Mr. McDonald himself," M. S. Cooke told The Gateway.

Mr. Les Nicholson has been appointed acting chief of the campus patrol.

He was previously assistant chief

of the patrol and has been on campus for two years.

Mr. Nicholson also refused to comment on Mr. McDonald's replacement.

Promotion within campus patrol is not necessarily done on a seniority basis since the personnel department of the university is solely responsible for the positioning of men on the patrol.

The campus patrol is presently short-staffed. It has nine patrolmen and is being supplemented by seven commissionaires until new patrolmen are hired.

It is a standard policy of the campus patrol to maintain a plainclothes policeman on its staff, says Mr. Nicholson.

The plainclothesman functions mainly to carry out ordinary police investigations without causing undue embarrassment for people he contacts.

However, the patrol's present plainclothesman was primarily responsible for the discovery and imprisonment of a youth who rifled women's purses at Convocation Hall recently.

City police were called in to make the actual arrest because the

youth was not a U of A student and as an off-campus resident did not come under the jurisdiction of campus patrol.

Mr. Nicholson commented on the incident in which a Poole Construction Co. Ltd. machine was damaged by alleged university student pranksters.

"I do not like to accuse students without actual proof.

"There is no evidence that students were responsible for the damage done—it could have been anyone," said Mr. Nicholson.

"Considering the number of students on this campus I find the students on the whole are very good."

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New registrar named at UAC

The new University of Calgary will have as its new registrar Dr. Donald B. Black, a U of A education psychology professor, The Gateway learned Tuesday.

U of A braces for onslaught

Organizers of VGW hope to prevent student exodus

By MARG PENN

Twenty thousand guests are expected on campus for Varsity Guest Weekend.

VGW organizers have attempted to prevent the mass exodus of university students that has traditionally been a feature of the weekend.

This year, emphasis is switched to higher quality programs to interest U of A students who usually flee before the advancing tide of bubblegummers.

"Everything that was formerly aimed at the high school students is still there but we hope it has improved," said Bill Thorsell, VGW director.

Part of the leveling of the ivory tower is an innovation in sample lectures. Actual classes in Chem 230, Psych 202 and English 210 will be given in Med 2104.

Further attempts to bring the students closer to the administration involve an academic information center.

Grad and senior students from each department will be on hand to answer questions about course requirements and special information printed by the registrar's office will display fee structures.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEBATE

To interest university students, VGW organizers have planned a major public affairs debate.

On Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. a teach-in will be held in ed gym. Featured speakers are George Grant, author of "Lament for a Nation", Howard Green, external affairs minister in the Conservative government, and Laurier LaPierre, host of "This Hour Has Seven Days."

The Political Science Club and the Law School Forum are responsible for the organization of the teach-in.

Thorsell described the faculty displays as "terrific."

"The nuclear research center is opening right up by conducting tours and opening up their machines.

"This is typical of the interest and enthusiasm being shown by all participating," Thorsell said.

We are trying to make the displays more representative of what people are doing by showing their physical facilities and special projects, he said.

Prospective lawyers can attend the Interprovincial Moot Court Finals tonight at 8 p.m. in Rutherford Library. Competitors from B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba will argue before actual judges again Saturday at 2 p.m.

The third major section of VGW will offer visitors a sample of campus social life:

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SUPA hits B of G 'failure'

A campus activist group has launched a strong protest to the administration for its failure to establish definite zones on campus for free public discussion.

SUPA's charges are contained in an open letter to the Board of Governors.

The Students' Union Peace Action committee claims the Board of Governors' failure to create such free areas in teaching buildings is "a de facto denial of effective means of freedom of speech for the student body."

The peace group was disciplined by the disciplinary interpretation and enforcement board of the students' union, for distributing literature on the Vietnam conflict in the corridors of university buildings last December.

The keepers of the Viet-booth were charged with contravention of a university rule against "canvassing and soliciting."

SUPA claims the two-month moratorium on the booth is proof of their willingness to cooperate with the administration, but they now demand action to rectify the situation.

The General Faculty Council recommended the establishment of these "free zones for public discussion", but the Board took no effective action at its Feb. 11 meeting.

The group is protesting the delay since it means they cannot set up their Vietnam booth, which was removed from the buildings under pressure from the administration.

In an open letter to the Board, the group recognizes "that other channels for discussion do exist", but claims only a booth is adequate to reach students who are not normally involved in public affairs issues.

SUPA contends the questions raised by the booth-keepers are "important to the university for it sets a tone of vitality in what is ostensibly an intellectual community."

The group says the Viet-booths are "of critical importance" to the university and its students, "especially in view of the urgency of the Vietnam situation . . . in view of the resumption of bombing."