

# Vant Arms Freshettes With Facts And Warnings

This week Dr. Ross Vant, Edmonton obstetrician and gynaecologist delivered his annual two-part lecture series to 1,500 U of A freshettes. He has said the same things to freshettes for many years. As he himself put it "Probably your mothers heard the same talk from me." The following is a freshette Gateway staffer's account of Dr. Vant's talks.

By Helene Chomiak

Fifteen hundred freshettes came to the Jubilee Auditorium Monday and Tuesday evenings to hear Dr. Ross Vant speak on the facts of life.

Dr. Vant has been giving his talks to freshettes for several years.

Monday, when he began them, a wave of expectation swept through the female audience. But expectation appeared to give way to boredom as Dr. Vant spoke about eating regular meals, getting enough sleep and learning to dress properly.

Then, with a change of tone, Dr. Vant announced a liking for women. He was greeted with loud applause when he said: "Females are equal to or more important than males."

The group hushed and listened in-

tently as he traced human development from the egg, to embryo, birth and infancy, stressing the role of the female.

In their early years, boys and girls are very similar, Dr. Vant said. "The only way you can tell them apart is that one has a handle and the other doesn't," he said.

Dr. Vant went on to describe the various physical and psychological changes which occur as human beings mature.

And a film entitled Human Reproduction was shown. The film told the story of a father reviewing the reproductive sequence in his mind so as to explain it to his son.

Dr. Vant explained to his audience the film, dealing mainly with anatomical structures, is 20 years old, but the best one available on the subject.

In the second lecture, the obstetrician described the basic procedures of intercourse.

He concluded by answering questions.

About pregnancy: "The best way to prevent it," he said, "is to keep your legs together."

He continued: "It takes two cats to

make a kitten, but the female is the one who is caught with the goods." Dr. Vant said petting is fine but



DR. ROSS VANT  
... obligation to learn

there must be a brake. "The girl must be the one," he said, "for I wouldn't trust a man as far as I could throw him, and I know from long experience."

On contraceptives, Dr. Vant said: "The best one in the world is 'no'."

But he did enlarge on the issue, saying girls should learn about them. "I wish women would learn to add and subtract. You put one in and then you take it out."

He was asked if oral contraceptives should be widely distributed by student health services. Dr. Vant wouldn't comment, but outlined their use.

Dr. Vant ended with the observation: "Sex is so greatly emphasized in our society that sometimes we can't get our minds off it."

"However, the main purpose of university is to learn and you freshettes must not fail in the obligation to yourselves and the university."

Dr. Vant was born in Montana. He went to the U of S for his BA and to Manitoba Medical School for his MA. Later he studied medicine at the University Hospital in Edmonton and took post graduate work at McGill and at several European colleges.

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## Canadians Facing Reality

### Blitz Day Is Back... Volunteers Needed

U of A students are ganging up on small businesses again. The mass attack is scheduled for Oct. 22—Blitz Day '64.

Like its predecessors, this year's Blitz project is a student-run, one-day canvass of Edmonton's small businesses, the sort often overlooked by the main body of United Appeal Canvassers.

An expected 1,000 student volunteer canvassers will cover the city, including Jasper Place, attempting to break last year's record of \$12,000.

To spur their collecting energies, volunteers are divided into teams of ten, each team struggling to collect the most money and win the prize.

Which team wins is determined partly by how much cash it collects, and partly by a secret formula developed by the Mathematics department.

Victory prize for the winning team captain is an affectionate six-foot doll named Emily.

Smaller but equally satisfying replicas of Emily go to his team members.

Blitz Day canvassers will also be treated to cut rates at the football game on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Tuesday evening the Blitz Committee held a meeting for campus officers, who are expected to help with recruiting and enthusiasm-

rousing among the student body. Volunteers are to be enlisted at the Blitz office in SUB this week and next.

#### FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

The last day for payment of fees is October 15. If paying in two instalments the last date for payment of the first instalment is October 15, the second instalment January 15. A penalty of \$5 will be charged on any payments made or post-marked after these dates.

In addition, if payment has not been made by October 31 for second term fees, registration will be subject to cancellation and the student to exclusion from classes.

Students who indicated on the fee card that fees would be paid from a grant, loan or scholarship, are exempted from the penalty in the first term.

### Dr. Wilder Penfield Deplores Imitation Of American Image

Canadians today have been startled into a confused state of self-awareness according to Dr. Wilder Penfield, world-recognized neurologist from Montreal.

On campus to deliver the 1964 Henry Marshall Tory Lectures, Dr. Penfield presented two significant Canadian problems Monday and Tuesday night in the Jubilee Auditorium.

"It is good to be a Canadian in these stirring times," he said, speaking of biculturalism and the brains race on successive evenings.

Quoting visiting Commonwealth reporter, David Holden, writing in 1962, "Canada seems a pale romantic ghost of the United States, a misty place Canadians create themselves by being so desperately unsure of their own reality." Dr. Penfield believes we must "discover the firm lines of reality."

Canadians are too occupied with American periodicals, radio, and television to face Canadian problems, he continued.

Explaining what is happening

in Quebec, Dr. Penfield said the youth have picked up with ardor the challenge of re-forming the entire structure of their society.

They want equality of opportunity, not special favors, he said.

"If the bright, energetic and idealistic young people do not encounter equality of opportunity, the alternative these young men face is to look with suspicion at Confederation," he added, quoting the Vice-Rector de l'Universite de Montreal.

"Graduates with broken accents must realize that competition is the basis for room at the top in English-speaking communities," he said.

Calling the separatists "counter-revolutionaries," Dr. Penfield predicted the quiet revolution in Quebec will produce no more than a great educational advance.

"Not taking a lead in the armaments race, Canada should equip and train her people for the brains race," he said.

Dr. Penfield gave a three-point plan for achieving this

goal. He said federal contribution through one or more non-political commissions or councils should be made:

- to provide special grants and endowments to deserving institutions of higher education and research on a permanent basis;

- to build a system of national scholarships on a competitive basis to carry those who have outstanding ability through to professorships and independent posts;

- to provide a system of rewards for outstanding excellence, and provide, above all, public recognition of excellence.

Our problem, he continued, is to give the restless spirit of genius that so often passes unknown and unrecognized the freedom to develop.

The time has come for man to take human evolution into his own hands, to create conditions where the spark of genius will flare up and warm the world.

The Tory Lectures are held annually in honor of Henry Marshall Tory, first president of the University of Alberta.