

OPEN HOUSE

Ken Young, Varsity Guest Weekend director, said Sunday that his committees are progressing very well in organizing the Weekend which will run from Feb. 22-25. A burgeoning high school population is one of the factors which will contribute to an expected record attendance of 18,000 visitors.

Varsity Guest Weekend, one of the major campus activities is designed primarily to acquaint the taxpayers with their university and to encourage high school students to aim for a university education.

Saturday, Feb. 24 will be the most active day as all faculties and some departments set up their numerous displays. Prominent among the displays will be the popular phys-math display and the medical undergraduate display. Also prominent will be the commerce faculty's IBM display. The Education Undergraduate Society will again promote a winter carnival and ice figurine contest open to all faculties and fraternities.

Also on Saturday there will be a gamut of coffee and tea parties including the Nurses' Tea, the Waunaitea Tea and the Pan Hellenic-Waunaitea Coffee Party.

FAKE LECTURES

It is proposed, but not definite, that representative lectures be given by departmental professors to give the visitor a better idea of the work in the various fields.

Varsity Varieties production "Recapture the Rapture" will be one of the Weekend's main sources of revenue. It will run from Feb. 22-24 and concurrently with the Studio Theatre production "The Visit."

The Weekend will be kicked off Thursday, Feb. 22 with the president's reception and appreciation banquet, sponsored by students' council and hosting civic officials, MLA's and members of the news media.

MUSIC GALORE

Cultural activities include a Mixed Chorus concert Saturday and a Musical Club Concert Sunday in Convocation Hall.

Social activities will include the education moccasin dance Friday, Feb. 23 in the Ice Arena and the physical education "Ivy League Ball" Saturday in the gym.

Saturday morning classes will be cancelled and the Varsity Guest Weekend committee hopes university students will take advantage of this opportunity to see what work their fellow students in other faculties are doing. They also ask that students take advantage of the Thursday "bargain night" to see Varsity Varieties so that more high school students will be able to take in the production on the other, more crowded nights.

Varsity Varieties tickets go on sale daily at the SUB information booth beginning Monday. Ticket prices are \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00 with all tickets on Thursday, Student Night being \$1.00. The show, an original musical by varsity students, runs Feb. 22-24.



RESORTING TO VIOLENCE, inmates of Knotty Pine summer resort "Recapture the Rapture" of throwing female in an imaginary lake. As opening night, Feb. 22, draws near, rehearsals for the show take on a keen pitch. Tickets for the three performances of Varsity Varieties go on sale in SUB Monday.

Four party parliament

U of A voters will hear their party leaders expound the merits of their platforms in the pre-Model Parliament rallies to be held in Con Hall Monday, Feb. 12 and the Education auditorium Feb. 13.

For the first time in years only four parties will be vying for the votes: the Liberals, led by Keith Conrad, the Progressive Conservatives with Gerry Offet, the NDP's boasting Irvine Weekes and the So-Creds with Ray Speaker. Their relative success will be determined Feb. 15 when the voters go to the polls to allot the parliament's 65 seats.

Model Parliament sessions will sit from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 19, 20, and 21. Peter Dawson, speaker of the provincial legislature, will act as Governor-General. Speaker of the House will be Ross Rudolph, Political Economics 3.

Model Parliament will be open to the public as well as students. "Past parliaments have drawn large gallery crowds," said coordinator Bentley Le Baron, "and we expect, if anything, an even bigger response this year."

The sessions will have radio, TV, and press coverage.

Nfcus prexy points to problems

By Don Thomas

The National Federation of Canadian University Students is a "political voice, a lobbying force" for some 100,000 Canadian university students, stated

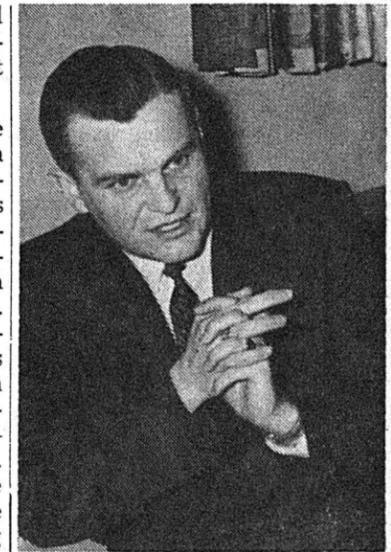
Walter Maclean, National President of NFCUS, Wednesday during a meeting in West Lounge.

He said that one of the prime goals of NFCUS is to make a university education more feasible for all Canadians. To this end, after seven years of lobbying in Parliament, the exemption of student tuition fees from income tax has been gained. The organization is still lobbying to get such items as texts and lab materials—items which may be considered as "legitimate, special expenditures"—exempted from income tax. The NFCUS life insurance plan and NFCUS travel service have also been set up to bring these benefits to students at lower prices.

Maclean challenged students to look beyond their own noses for ideas, suggesting that a university education is designed to provide a means of "learning to live, to provide a means of critically evaluating the problems one goes through." Thus an awareness of national and international affairs is as much a part of a university education as is learning from a textbook.

He said the attitude towards the Indian in Canada is unique, a "very subtle form of apartheid." He also decried legislation which welcomes foreign students to Canada but restricts them in obtaining summer employment here. Both of these issues he laid at the door of a certain "narrowness" in the Canadian public.

When questioned at a press conference about the sincerity of the French-Canadian separatist movement, he described those who openly advocate separatism as being on "the lunatic fringe" but said that there is a deep-seated bitterness on the part of the French-Canadian against the



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"insensitivity of the English-speaking segment of Canada towards the French language and culture."

"NFCUS is actively working to bring pressure against any types of discriminatory legislation that exists," asserted Maclean.

Locke escapes block; axe stayed

Corbet Locke, incoming editor of the UAC Gauntlet, escaped from the UAC disciplinary committee with only a reprimand following charges laid by Gauntlet editor, Alan Arthur.

After an hour long debate over his status, the UAC Students' council decided to reconfirm Locke's appointment as editor-in-chief on a trial basis. The debate in council came as a result of the disciplinary committee's action following the writing of the Betrayal editorial, of Jan. 19, and the "where the hell is UAC?" cartoon.

The charges were, 1. Conduct which would seriously jeopardize relations between UAC and the U of A Board of Governors, the Senate, and the administration. 2. Insubordination to Gauntlet editor Alan Arthur. It was on the first charge the disciplinary committee issued the reprimand.

Locke was called into the meeting to be interrogated by council and letters written over the controversial editorial were read. It was felt the letters of apology to Dr. Johns, Dr. Cragg, and Dr. Taylor were not apologetic enough.

Arthur had charged Locke with sending an unauthorized complimentary letter to President Johns informing him of the stand The Gauntlet planned to take on the proposed Garneau expansion. At the



CORBET LOCKE

Photo by Tsin Van, Ottawa

same time Locke maintains the letter was a result of an editorial conference at which time a stand was to be taken on the issue.

A modified version of the originally conceived editorial came out following information received by Locke from Dr. Cragg. All the members of the editorial board, including Arthur signed the article before it appeared in print.

As a result of the Betrayal

editorial, the editorial board ran what Locke deems "a grovelingly apologetic editorial," in place of one Locke had written entitled "Our Right to say it." Locke was admitted to the editorial meeting which decided the question only by the intervention of Dennis MacDonald, Student Union president.

LOCKE SPEAKS OUT

In respect to the cartoon which received an angry protest from the Edmonton council Locke replied to president Hyndman, "the cartoon in question which you label extremely crude was slanted to parody the tendency (which is probably natural) of UAE to dismiss UAC as a branch of UAE or as a glorified high school! . . . we feel that nothing can be gained by overt animosity between organizations at UAC and UAE but that constructive criticism and good natured banter is natural and mutually beneficial. Friendly competition and rivalry is hardly a 'give us liberty or give us death situation'."

"UAE has often accused UAC of being high schoolish, and this situation has led me to believe their charge is in large part justified," said Locke in commenting on the controversy which exploded on the Calgary campus. He went on to say, "This is the second time in two years that an editor's neck has been on the chopping block. Fortunately for me, this time, the axe was stayed just in time while reason and tolerance won out. Petty internal dissensions are not the mark of a mature university."

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