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Arts and Crafts program

Got a bit of spare time? Looking for something creative to do right on campus? One of the Students' Union's most active programs can satisfy both these needs. The Arts and Crafts Program offers evening programs in such varied crafts as Pottery, Spinning and Dyeing, Primitive Weaving, Weaving and Macrame. For those with a little less free time there are noon-time classes in Macrame, Knitting, Crochet and Weaving.

Since its conception and opening in 1967 the Arts and Crafts Area has blossomed, necessitating its move from the third floor of SUB to its present location adjacent to the Art Gallery and Music Listening Area. In 1967 an average of 30 people per week made use of the area engaged in such activities as Slip Mold Decoration, Painting and some Pottery. Today approximately 350 people per week made use of the area engaged in the ever expanding classes and weekend workshop programmes. On an average some 25 classes are offered during the Fall and Winter Sessions. The Studios are in use seven days a week some ten to eleven months per year. Equipment includes 40 weaving looms (15" to 60") and 20 Potter's Wheels (17 Power) and there are four Kilns. Fees range from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for students and \$35.00 to \$60.00 for non-students.

Other activities include the Weekend Workshop Programme which may begin to offer such activities from Weaving techniques to Basketing and Glaze Experimentation to Flower Arranging. There are individual workshops that are either one day or three in length, and response to them in the past has been encouraging and it is likely that they will become a part of the regular programme.

The total budget for the 1976-77 year in the Arts and Crafts area is \$45,150, and with the improvements in programming, will no doubt operate on a breakeven basis.

In the future it is hoped that the Arts and Crafts area will continue to fill its objectives:

- To provide a centre for creative relaxation and enjoyment
- To provide a meeting point for students, staff and the general public while engaged in the learning of a craft.
- To provide a high standard of instruction in a variety of crafts.
- To be self-supporting financially.

by Jan Grude SU vp services

Med. faculty ups ante

General Faculties Council Exec. gave their "retroactive approval" to a request by the Faculty of Medicine to raise admission standards from 6.0 to 6.5 beginning in 1976-77.

The new admission standards were actually considered in October, 1975, by GFC Exec., and were referred to the Admission Requirements Committee for study and recommendation back to GFC Exec. The committee approved the 6.5 admission standard but failed to notify GFC Exec. until the changes were already in the 1976-77 calendar.

Dr. Lauber was critical of the 6.5 admission standard, however, because "in fact, no one was admitted to medicine with less than 8.0"

"I think students have a right to know what the minimum standard is so the student can make realistic plans," commented Lauber.

"When students look at 6.5 and think they can make it I think they're just fooling themselves," she said.

"It still escapes me what this minimum means," joined in Dr. Gunning, U of A president. "What does it mean - that the student can get into the medical building or something?"

Lauber suggested "that we urge the medicine faculty to

disclose the actual admission minimum of last year."

W.A.D. Burns, Secretary Admission Requirements Committee, explained that the admission procedure for medicine starts back in high school. Each interested student, said Burns, is then individually counselled on his/her chances of acceptance into the medicine program.

TUITION FEES

If fees are still unpaid after October 15th a student's registration is subject to cancellation for non-payment of fees and the student to exclusion from classes.

Students in the faculty of Graduate Studies and Research are reminded that their fees are to be paid by the date indicated on their fee assessment advice form.

Students who expect to pay their fees from federal and/or provincial government loans are referred to Section F of the Registration Procedures booklet or to Section 15.2 of the University Regulations and Information for Students Calendar.

Fees are payable at the Office of the Comptroller on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building.

Library hours still unknown

The Students' Union proposal for longer library hours was diverted to a library committee at Tuesday's meeting of the General Faculties Council Exec.

SU proposed that library hours be increased and that necessary funds be provided because of "the very significant academic value and necessity of providing students with access to the campus library facilities at as wide a range of times as possible," said Ken McFarlane, vp academic.

"I would rather make a definite recommendation," he said, "than have a committee look at it, which may take several months."

McFarlane made reference to "certain discretionary funds such as the \$15,000 recently used to hire two or three new librarians."

"We have to remember that something thereby is depleted," replied Dr. Harry Gunning, U of A president.

"I think it's an issue of priorities not only in the library

but in the university as a whole," McFarlane stated.

In an interview after the meeting McFarlane said, "The University Planning Committee has a discretionary fund of \$300,000 but the only problem is I don't know how much has been used and how they stack priorities."

As for the shifting of library hours proposal to the library committee, McFarlane commented, "It was something I was trying to avoid but the library committee is meeting before the next GFC and I intend to be at the library committee's meeting."

Queen's graduates illiterate

KINGSTON (CUP) - The writing ability displayed in final examination papers at Queen's University reveals "disturbingly" low levels of literacy among general arts and science graduates, claims Dr. Colin J. Norman.

In a report "The Queen's English," funded by a \$6,000 grant from the Ontario universities programmed for instruc-

tional development, the professor says his study shows 34 per cent of first year students wrote either badly or poorly.

Although another 37.2 per cent were inadequate but showed potential for improvement, 75 per cent of graduating fourth year honours students were judged to be "impressive and probably as good or better than ever."

Final examination papers at first, third and fourth year levels from various disciplines in arts and sciences were graded for style, organization and other indications of writing ability by Norman, his assistant Stella Wynne-Edwards and, in some cases, by 16 English professors.

Norman also circulated questionnaires to first year students and to faculty.

Students complained of little

or no training in grammar and composition. Faculty indicated a substantial concern about the deficiencies of first year students in terms of "ability to read with intelligence and understanding," the study says.

His recommendations for dealing with the problem include: -Queen's taking an active lead in bringing the problem of literacy to the attention of high schools, elementary schools and the ministry of education

-screening applicants for admission

-mounting a more ambitious programme in remedial English

-providing more help within the framework of existing courses

-raising the minimum academic standards for the three-year general degree.

Correction

A Gateway story of Oct. 5 ("Quarter-million deficit for SU") incorrectly stated that in 1974, "the costs for HUB proved so demanding that the Council of that year declared bankruptcy and needed a \$500,000 loan from the provincial government to continue operations. This year, the loan has been completely paid off." In fact, although losses from HUB placed the Students' Union in a very bad financial position, they never declared bankruptcy. And the \$500,000 received from the government was a grant, not a loan.

AUFA certified

WOLFVILLE (CUP) - The Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) became the 17th faculty group in the country to win certification as a collective bargaining agent in July.

Association president Dr. Mark Taylor said in the past there was "a tremendous feeling of frustration among faculty" which the new bargaining position should alleviate.

He said under the new agreement the right to strike had been cut off because the faculty chose arbitration over confrontation.

According to Taylor the certification will mean an equalized relationship with the administration.

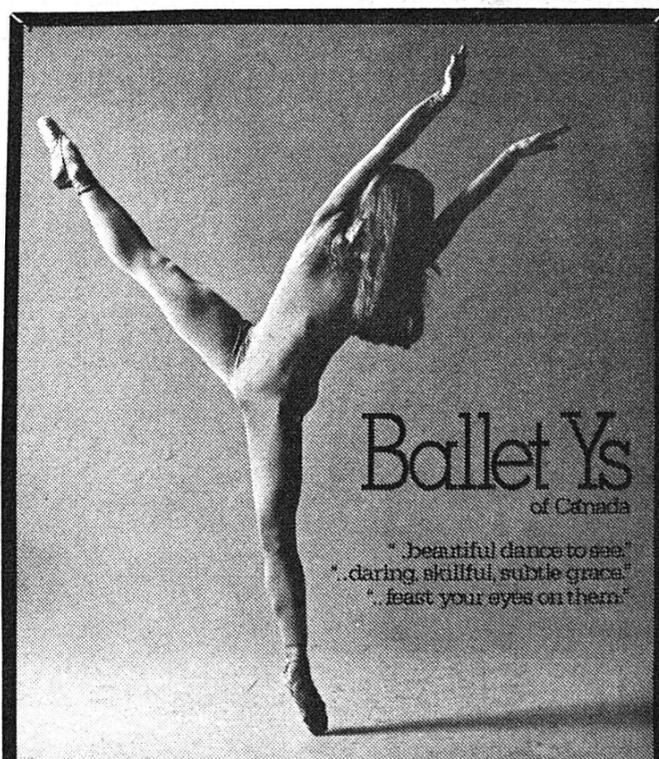


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