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Work load protested by students

REGINA—About 600 students at the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan demonstrated and held a mass meeting to protest what they said was the increased drop-out rate on the campus.

The students said the rate more than doubled that of last year and stemmed from an increased work load brought by the introduction of the semester system.

Professor Alwyn Berland, who later met with the students, said he was sympathetic and would endorse the students' idea of a student-faculty seminar on the curriculum and semester system. The meeting would probably be held after the holidays Dr. Berland said.

A front page article in the Carillon, the campus newspaper, said that 8.4 per cent of the student body had dropped one or more classes by Nov. 1. The comparable figure for last year was 3.4 per cent.

The paper also blamed the semester system for a rash of resignations among student leaders who felt unable to cope with both academic and extra-curricular activities.

U of M councillor anti-CUS

WINNIPEG—University of Manitoba's student union treasurer has advocated U of M withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students.

Larry Chazan said recently the students' union should provide more services to students than it does at present.

The \$6,500 U of M paid into CUS this year could be better used on campus. Chazan said.

"Education to a great extent is a provincial matter and since we are presently in the process of organizing a provincial students' association, a lobby would be more effective provincially than federally," he said.

But external vice-president Howard Sexter said Chazan's speech was "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing".

Pills for privileged few

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Although nearly half of the United States' college health services will prescribe birth control pills, only 4 per cent will do so for single women who do not plan to marry in the near future.

A recently-compiled national survey, revealed more than 50 per cent of American college health service units will not prescribe the pill to female students, be they single or married.

These institutions said this was not an appropriate function of a college health service, but required continued supervision by a personal physician, said Dr. Ralph M. Buttermore, president of the Pacific Coast College Health Association, who released the study.

"Others thought prescribing the pill would express tacit approval for premarital relations, implying colleges accept a responsibility that does not properly belong to them and runs counter to the great majority of parents", he said.

LSD research hindered

SASKATOON—Illegal trafficking is hampering research work with LSD, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Saskatchewan said recently.

Dr. Danial Sydiaha said the recent legal measures taken to control the illicit traffic in LSD have made it difficult for researchers to obtain the drug in the required quantities.

Although U of S students talk about "acid trips", neither Saskatoon city police nor the RCMP have made any arrests or found the drug being used on campus.

"We have men on and around the campus at almost all times, and it is doubtful that drug trafficking could be going on without their knowledge," an RCMP spokesman said.

Lecture system attacked

TORONTO—A University of Toronto professor branded the university lecture system as superfluous and time wasting.

In a submission to the Macpherson committee on arts and science, Professor T. A. Goudge, chairman of the philosophy department, called for a drastic reduction in the amount of lecturing in the faculty.

One of the principal aims of instruction is "to encourage undergraduates to develop powers of intellectual analysis, independent thought and effective expression", he said.

Lecturing, as we know it today contributes nothing to this aim, he said.

He also criticized examinations, calling them "mass feedback and puzzle-solving exercises".



—Perry Afaganis photo

YOU JUST KEEP THAT BEARD TO YOURSELF—Anne Wheeler appears to have unpleasantly collided with the fuzzy cheek of Jubilaires musical director Cecil Pretty as they talk things over with "Once Upon a Mattress" director John Madill. Curtain rises on the Jubilaires production during Varsity Guest Weekend, Feb. 16, 17 and 18. "Once Upon a Mattress" is a spoof on that well known fairy-tale, "The Princess and the Pea." Madill is still looking for a princess, but the other parts are cast and the production is shaping up to be one of the best ever.

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