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There's Still a Lot to Be Done

Now that the elections are over and all the clamor of the campaign is dying down, we may, it is hoped, look forward to an increased drive by the incumbent council to the accomplishment of those objectives which they have undertaken and which have been of particular interest to students all year.

They have done exceptionally fine work to date and will continue to reflect great credit on themselves if they continue to work as they have in past months.

The football team played a majority of their games on our own field in contrast to three games played there last year. Only two Canadian football games took place at Wanderers with a corresponding increase in the receipts by the university and the council.

Increased time for a total of 29 hours was obtained for the students in the rink.

A needed consolidation and revision of the constitution of the Students' Council was carried out.

But there should be increased pressure for the establishment of a secondhand book store. The Council possesses a report on the situation by a committee of its own members and there is no reason why it could not be set up ready for action for next fall. They will have to do the spade-work now, certainly, if there is to be any hope of achieving any results.

And most of all there is a need for a Student's Union building. Granted the idea may seem far fetched to erect a new building with the recent completion by the University of a 1 3/4 million Arts and Administration building, but it should not prove impossible to obtain the use of a building already erected, the Men's Residence! The arrangements made for the various campus organizations for office space in the West end of the Residence were purely temporary and final decision on the question will not be made until this summer. There are no other groups which are in need of adequate office facilities than the Pharos, Gazette, Publicity and the others.

Pressure is the thing. Keep on pounding at the idea. Keep on working at a plan. The university have shown that they are not unwilling to co-operate so it will be up the Council and the committee appointed to meet with the university on the matter to prove their point.

A great deal of work can be done before the exams start—work which will be of immeasurable help to the new council next fall and which will be of aid to all the students on the campus.

College Papers Last Outpost

Below is reprinted an editorial by Mr. Gerard Fillion, editor of LeDevoir and honorary president of the Canadian University Press. The editorial was originally written for the CUP Handbook which is to be published by Le Quartier Latin of the University of Montreal.—Ed.

College newspapers are the last bastions of journalistic freedom which remain in Canada.

Canadian press is perhaps freer today than it has ever been, but its journalists are less than ever.

The majority of daily papers and a large number of the weeklies are the enterprises of prosperous business. They are, besides, in the hands of businessmen who run them for profit. They are run by financial motives. Like all commercial enterprises which meet obligations and dividends Canadian papers are free.

But journalists are a different case. They are pen-pushers. They do not exist for themselves, they exist for their newspapers. They are a part of production, like raw materials and power.

They do not write to express ideas, even less their own ideas, but only the ideas of the publisher, if he has any. They are in the service of a commercial establishment which demands that they please the customers. They are very good clerks and salesmen.

The university newspapers remain among those rare publications which allow free expression of ideas. They are not in the service of a political party, even less at the mercy of special interests. They don't exist for money, they do not have to pay dividends. They express good ideas and sometimes foolish ones. Both are necessary, for both signify freedom of opinion.

Resolution to Ban Frats At UBC Is Defeated

Vancouver (CUP) — A resolution to the Senate to remove university recognition to fraternities and sororities was voted down last week by the Students' Council of the University of British Columbia.

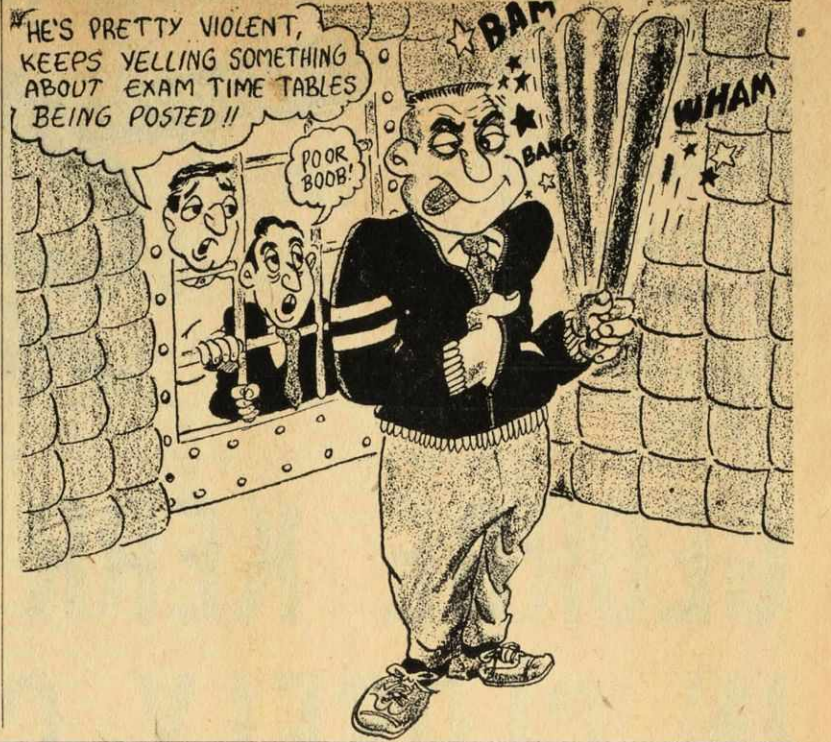
The resolution condemned fraternities as bigotted, restricting social contacts, claiming prior allegiance from the AMS and setting up a barrier to full participation in AMS activities.

Arguments for the resolution declared that fraternity costs prevent some from joining and that they comprise a wide element in student affairs and that the students' council should deal with anything that affects the student body.

Those who were against the resolution contended that fraternities broaden rather than narrow student interests and lead students to take more interest in student affairs.

The resolution to ban fraternities was defeated by a vote of 7-3.

EVERYMAN (OR WOMAN) AS THE CASE MAY BE



A C.U.P. Feature

Major Social Events At Canadian Colleges Range from Fancy Dress Balls to Carnivals

Munro Day, the highlight of the social year at Dalhousie and the last big event before the Spring examinations is fast approaching. In fact, next Tuesday is the day when the Gold and Silver D's, the Athletic awards, will be given and the crowning of the campus queen and the big dance will mark the end of the occasion. But the setting may be Ottawa's Chateau Laurier or any other lavishly decorated makeshift ballroom in some college gymnasium from coast to coast for the Big social event that remains in the mind of the student and graduate as occasions to be remembered in the undergraduate years.

A nation-wide survey of major campus social events was conducted for the Canadian University Press by the McGill Daily. Information supplied by CUP member papers representing twelve Canadian campuses was considered in the preparation of this article.

Although special mid winter festivities are rated high on the social calendar at McGill and Laval Universities, large-scale formal dances overshadowed by far all other events on the other campuses concerned.

One or more campus-wide formals are staged each year at most universities with other formals of somewhat less general appeal being put on by member colleges or student groups.

The big event of the year comes in late fall, early spring, or as a climax to the final exams. It is sponsored by a class, faculty, college, or by the students' council of the university. Expenses vary—estimates of escorts' overall expenditures range from six to over twenty-five dollars. A few hundred or several thousand are in attendance. Each dance has its characteristics; reflects the spirit of its organizing group; the personality of the campus at which it takes place.

The coronation of a Queen of the Ball is a highlight of the evening at the University College Ball, most important social event each year at the University of Western Ontario. The dance is sponsored by the Arts and Science Council. With ticket prices at \$4.50, attendance is in the neighborhood of 2,200. Six other formals, run by faculty, college, denominational and military groups are held at Western each year. The Co-ed Prom, sponsored by the Women's Council, and the Christmas Lit, part of the proceeds from which go to the International Student Service, are included in the U.W.O. social calendar.

Expenses are kept to an estimated \$7.00 per couple at two formals sponsored by the Social Committee of the Student Representative Council at the University of New Brunswick. Admission is free on the presentation of a student pass although a charge of \$3.00 is levied on outsiders at the event. The Fall Formal was last year staged to produce a French Cafe air; the "Con" or Spring Formal, now in its 78th year, is planned for the middle of March. Attendance is between 700 and 800 at both events.

No university-wide formal is attempted at the University of Toronto where federated arts colleges and other faculties stage events for their own members. Inter-collegiate athletic contests provide the main opportunity for manifestation of an over-all Varsity spirit.

Four formals and a masquerade ball share the social lime-light at McMaster University, Hamilton. Tickets are \$3.00 for the formal but, except for the Mac Formal, sponsored by Seniors, where flowers and tails are the general rule, corsages are forbidden. Other formals are run by the lower years; an operetta and play are also put on by the student body.

The Science Formal, where expenses can amount to in excess of \$25.00, is the big event of the Queen's University year. Other formals, Faculty sponsored, are described as "less pretentious" with costs in the neighborhood of \$15.00. The Queen's Journal comments that the city of Kingston is small and student's supply most of their own entertainment, at the University.

The Senior Prom, on the evening following graduation ceremonies, is the event at the top of the social calendar of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S. Expenses average \$15.00 and virtually the entire graduating class plus about 100 undergraduates and an equal number of alumni are in attendance. The Mid-Year Prom and Engineer's Dance, both with somewhat greater attendance, are staged during the academic year.

A three-day annual Winter Carnival that attracts up to 20,000 students, graduates and spectators shares the spot-light with a number of relatively poorly attended campus formals at McGill University, Montreal. The Junior Prom is held in November, Plumbers' Ball in January. Convocation Ball in May with expenses in all cases almost inevitably exceeding \$25.00. Doctors and Dentists hold formals attended primarily by students of their own faculties. A New Year's Eve Dance (dress optional) has been staged in recent years.

A winter festival and a formal sponsored by the Students' Society are two stand-outs on the social calendar at Laval University, Quebec City. The greater part of the student body takes part in both events with expenses at the Ball running to \$25.00; at the "Festival d'Hiver", \$5.00.

No one dance or other social event is considered the most out-

standing at the University of Alberta where expenses at any major function run in the neighbourhood of \$10.00. Attendance is usually good at major events, The Gateway, student newspaper, reports.

The escort's expenses are held as low as \$6.00 when he and his date head for the Junior Prom at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B. Flowers are available at low costs through special arrangements with florists, tickets, normally costing \$3.00 are free to members of the junior class, and transportation need not enter into the picture since all students live in residence. The Prom is the finale to Junior Week on the campus and considerable effort is put into its organization by members of the Junior Class.

Latin-American music and a tropical decor are stressed at a formal sponsored by the Club Tropicale on the Mount Allison campus each year. Co-ed week is an annual custom each January.

Ottawa's Chateau Laurier is the site of the Spring Prom of Carleton College each March. A floor show is provided at the formal; dancing is preceded by dinner at the hotel. The event is sponsored by the Students' Council and attendance is estimated at 700.

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