

Frosh laud, rap and enjoy university life

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No Virginia, university isn't all glass blowers and pickled babies.

Lectures, books, exams—they happen around here, but at least the first two are avoidable.

Boxy buildings with non-working heating systems, full of confused people—they have those across the river, too.

Nobody can tell you what the university is—you have to find out for yourself.

"I suppose you have to learn the hard way, like everything else," said Wayne Burns, arts 1.

"A lot of people are not really ready for university when they are just out of high school," he said.

"It's not the end of the world if you don't get into university right away.

"If you're very impressionable and idealistic, it might be detrimental."

Other freshmen had different opinions.

THE GREATEST

Georgie Komerlin, arts, said, "University, I love. I think it's one of the greatest experiences a person can have.

"It depends on the person," she said. "If you come just for social life, you'll get nowhere.

Must adopt new attitude

Linda Forcade, ed, suggested, "In order to enjoy university, you have to adopt a new attitude.

"You have to learn to be independent. You're here for yourself and you have to realize this."

Gord Adams, eng, agreed that change is necessary in some ways.

"It's hard making new friends," he said. "But it's not hard to change, because you're forced to change."

There are some who become disillusioned and are heading for second-year cynicism.

Miss Forcade said, "I expected it to be a place of learning.

"I don't think people are learning."

Alan Arnold, sci, said of university, "You memorize, write an exam, forget, memorize, write an exam, forget . . . then you memorize, write an exam, get a degree, and forget."

CONFUSION

Ian MacLean, eng, said, "My first impression of university was one of organized confusion.

"It hasn't changed.

"I expected an education," he said, "and I'm not getting it from classes.

"I had a glorified idea of the uni-

"Students just entering university should expect to work, and often work hard, but they should also expect to have a fantab fun time.

"However, I think some people might lose the personal contact with the teachers which is prevalent in high school."

Don't believe all the bogey-man tales you're fed regarding disinterested attitudes of profs toward students. Some frosh have found them false.

"I found it wasn't true (about the professors). They really do care—they're human," said Marie Kucharyshyn, arts.

BROKEN UP

And then there are the tales of students who break under the pressures.

You can be lonely in the midst of 12,000 people.

You do become frustrated when you find that you have two term papers due on the same day and don't know where to begin.

Sure, these things exist but you don't have to break.

"There are pressures from both outside and inside. Some you inflict on yourself by getting all excited over nothing," said Miss Kucharyshyn.

"You should never let them get the better of you."

Some students think you have to change in order to succeed at university.

versity as an intellectual community before I came.

"Now it seems like a glorified high school."

Dennis Pohranychny, arts, said, "I thought university was where I'd like to be, but now I'm not so sure."

But there are many who have found the university to be a stimulating and satisfying place.

"This is the first year of my educative career that I'm enjoying what I'm studying," said Terry Hughes, ed.

"I like 'academic freedom'. Doors aren't locked; facilities are at your disposal.

"University is enriching because you have 12,000 different people here. You're bound to find those who share your outlook on life," he said.

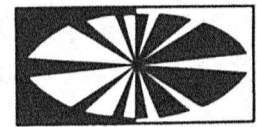
ADVENTURE

Bob deFrece, science, said, "I expected the university to be a dull world of books and old men with white hair.

"But now I feel there is more adventure in this world. The world I came from seems like it was a rut."

Ken Medlock, comm, summed up his feelings by saying, "The work is easier than I expected. The social life is more than I expected."

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