

Canadian University Press DATELINE

Need Felt For Counselling

LONDON—Forty per cent of the male students and 54 per cent of the female students at the University of Western Ontario have felt some need for counselling on emotional or psychological problems since entering the university, a campus mental health survey showed recently.

But only slightly more than one-half this number of students actually sought help, most often from a friend, a member of their family, or a religious advisor.

The survey, prepared by the mental health committee of the students' council at Western, showed that most of the students who did not seek counselling—35 per cent of the males and 38 per cent of the females—did not know who to see.

A report approved by the UWO students' council said "marked improvement is necessary in counselling facilities for emotional, psychological and interpersonal problems."

The report recommended that Western's administration hire a full-time psychiatrist. It also suggested setting up a system of informal mental health education through the health service staff, radio talks, posters, pamphlets, and the inclusion of mental health topics in the freshman orientation program.

Social and interpersonal difficulties emerged as the most serious problems among students. Other major problems, the survey showed, are caused by academic worries, lack of self-confidence and relations with the opposite sex.

Sixteen per cent of the male and 16 per cent of the female students had considered suicide, the survey showed, but only three per cent of the boys and four per cent of the girls considered suicide a serious problem.

Manitoba Student Strike Fails

WINNIPEG—A half-day student strike and a demonstration at the Manitoba Legislative Building has failed to secure a guaranteed freeze in tuition fees at the University of Manitoba.

The protests were organized by Manitoba's Students' Council to back up student demands for an additional government grant of \$600,000 to forestall a predicted fee increase next year.

Minister of Education Dr. George Johnson told leaders of the demonstration that there was no money in the provincial budget for a grant, but that the cabinet will study proposals contained in a brief presented by the students.

On hearing that the demonstration had failed, University President Dr. H. H. Saunderson said tuition fees will rise \$75 next fall. At present, fees range from \$300 in arts and science to \$500 in medicine.

Student leaders said they were disappointed by the reception their brief received from the government. Students' Council President Richard Good said that council "is firmly committed to the student needs program."

Chairman of the strike committee, Terence Moore, labelled the demonstration "a powerful show of strength by the students—indicating they are prepared to make their problems known."

McMaster Gets Medical School

HAMILTON—Hamilton city council bowed to pleas from the McMaster University administration and students recently by agreeing to reroute a street running through campus to provide a site for the university's planned medical school.

At two-block closing of King Street, one of Hamilton's main traffic routes, will permit the university to go ahead with plans to build a \$500,000 medical complex on land which currently straddles the street.

Plans for the medical school were thrown in doubt when university requests to city council to divert King Street around the campus evoked a petition from 400 area residents charging that the plans would lower property values.

Students Suspected Of Cruelty

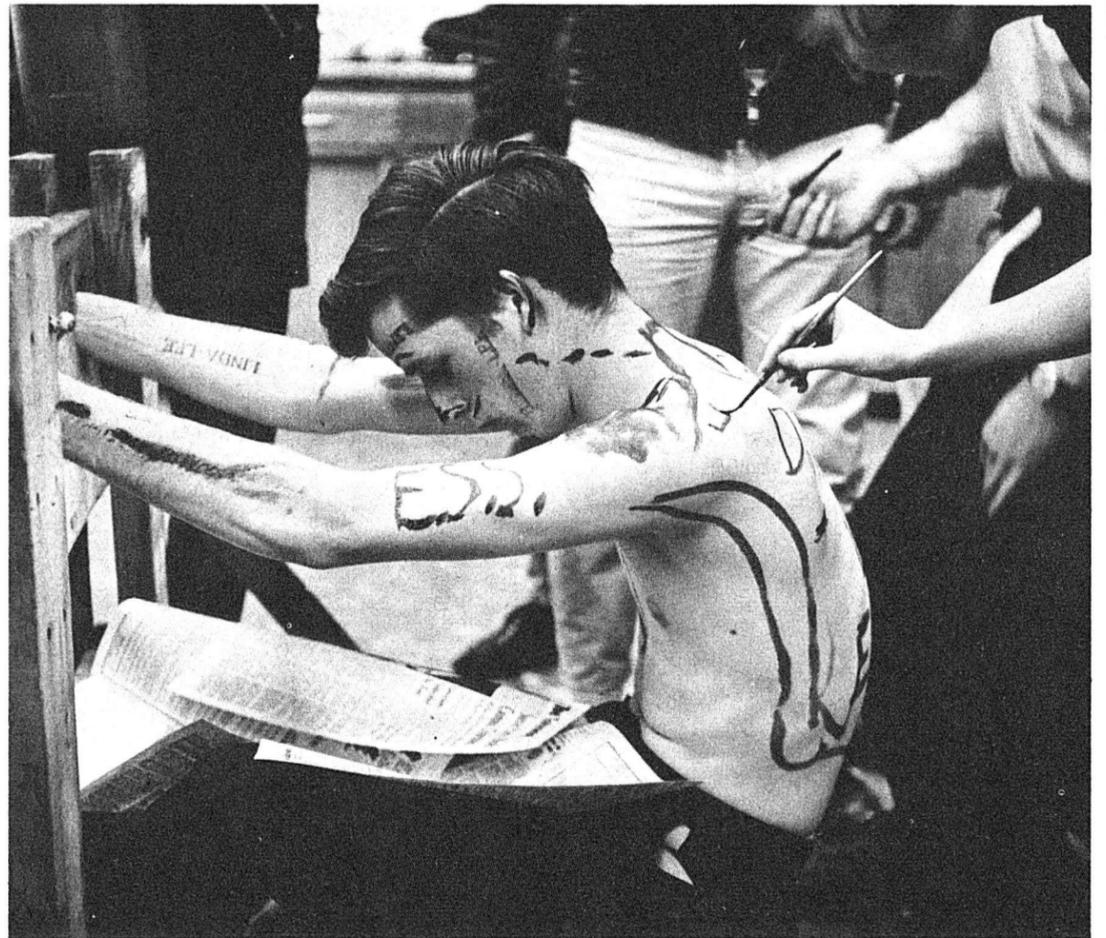
WATERLOO—Three reports of cruelty to animals over Winter Carnival Weekend have sparked an investigation by local Humane Society officials. Students are suspected to have been involved in all these crimes.

Saturday evening a group of students staged what is thought to have been a mock version of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral when they pushed a chesterfield containing a dead dog onto the front lawn of a Bridgeport home. Local Humane Society officials stated that the animal died of unnatural causes. An autopsy is being performed to determine the reasons for the dog's death.

On the same evening a motorist passing the vicinity of the University of Waterloo discovered another dog tied by a rope and hanging by its legs from a tree. The Humane Society was called in once more and managed to save the animal's life.

The third incident occurred during the Mardi Gras Ball, held in conjunction with Winter Carnival when a live chicken was thrown from the balcony into the middle of the dance floor.

Students were seen in the vicinity of all three crimes. Inspector Ken Price of the Waterloo Humane Society stated that an investigation is to be carried out and the people involved will be charged under the criminal code. If convicted, offenders are liable to a jail sentence of up to ten years.



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CULTURAL BONE-UP—Engineers take night courses in exterior decoration. Subject of this case, an artsman, seems more interested in reading his newspaper . . . or doing anything but playing canvas.

University Model UN Proposes Solution For UN Financial Crisis

By Helene Chomiak

Helene Chomiak was a U of A delegate to the seventh annual University Model United Nations held in Montreal. The following is a short report of proceedings.

A solution for the current United Nations financial crisis was proposed at the seventh annual University Model UN held in Montreal last week.

In an almost unanimous decision, the General Assembly resolved that nations which owe more than two years' assessments to the United

Nations make voluntary contributions to cancel the current deficit.

The resolution also provided for a special committee consisting of the four great powers; USSR, U.S., UK, and France; and five small nations to attempt a solution of the constitutional question of peace-keeping.

Approximately 300 students from more than 40 universities in Canada and the United States attended the conference. It was co-sponsored by University of Montreal, University of McGill, Sir George Williams University and Loyola University.

The students acted as delegates from 70 nations. Many delegations were aided by special advisers from Ottawa.

The General Assembly also passed a resolution asking Israel to negotiate with the Arab states over the future of refugees moved from their homes in Israel and living in refugee camps.

Other resolutions discussed were construction of a second canal in Central America and replacement of Nationalist China by Communist China in the Assembly. They were both defeated.

TOPLESS SUITS

Resolutions concerning a referendum for Quebec and a condemnation of the Mother's League of America for banning topless bathing suits were drafted, but there was not sufficient time to debate the questions.

The General Assembly was conducted according to rules of UN debate. Proceedings were hampered by numerous points of order and moves for closure.

Sessions of the Security and the Economic and Social councils were held concurrently with the General Assembly.

Other activities were speeches by the Cuban and Finish Ambassadors, and by Canadian UN experts.

Resolution Abolishing Queen Not Representative Opinion

A university Liberal resolution calling for abolishment of the Monarchy in Canada does not represent the opinion of most university Liberals says Gibb Clark, law 2.

According to Clark, newly-elected secretary-treasurer of the Canadian University Liberal Federation, which passed the resolution at its annual meeting in Ottawa, the issue was presented when "at least 20 clubs were absent from proceedings."

"It is the action of a small clique and in no way reflects majority opinion."

"Consequently we do not accept it."

Prime Minister Pearson told an Ottawa press conference the national party has no intention of adding the resolution to its policy.

SOLE HEAD

The resolution, moved by Sir George William's University and seconded by the University of Western Ontario states the Governor-General should be the sole head of state in Canada. It allows for recognition of the Queen as head of the Commonwealth.

The proposal originated at an Ontario university Liberal "think conference" in London last month.

According to Clark the resolution

was introduced after most western and Maritime delegates had been forced to leave because of travel commitments.

"Only about 18 of an original 42 clubs were present" charged Clark, and Sir George Williams had 18 of "the remaining voting delegates."

The resolution passed by a vote of 36-29.

Clark, with representatives of Brandon College and the universities of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, issued a statement condemning the federation following the resolution's adoption.

Both Clark and the UBC representative threatened their clubs would "consider withdrawing" from the federation because of the resolution.

However, Clark told The Gateway he doubts any action will be taken because "there is no reason to believe the resolution is representative of CULF."

"But if it was representative we would strongly consider withdrawing."

Clark's election as secretary-treasurer of the organization is effective immediately, for a one year term.

Tony Pearson of Sherbrooke, Quebec was elected president of CULF, also for a one year term.