

Orientation seminars successful

by David Chankasingh

Freshman Orientation Seminars (FOS) are over and they appear to have achieved their goal once more.

"The main purpose of FOS is to orient new students to the campus," says assistant director Stephanie Sell. "The new students are not only freshmen, but students who have transferred from colleges and other universities, and need the services of FOS."

The seminars held each year from early July to early September, cost prospective students \$34 for a weekend session and \$9 for a one-day seminar.

"Basically, the seminars deal with life as a university student, on as well as off-campus, and with what the campus offers," says Sell.

Topics at the weekend and one-day seminars are varied. "Basic Concerns" documents the bureaucracy of the university, student and university governments and other idiosyncrasies of the system, such as grade point average and plagiarism and its punishment.

"Finances" deals with the costs of being a student and "Stress" deals with problems that the average student encounters (like the suicidal thoughts we all have before final exams).

Calendar and faculty information are dispensed, the registration process is explained and FOS leaders help students build a mock timetable. Seminars culminate with a tour of campus.

High school students learn about FOS during Reading Week, when FOS workers and representatives from the Lister

Hall Students Association visit various schools and dispense information.

High school visitations are also done in spring by FOS in conjunction with the Admissions Policy, Evaluation and Liaison (APEL) division of the Registrar's Office. A brochure about FOS is also mailed out to students who are accepted by the university.

About 900 delegates used

the services this year, compared to about 1,000 last year. Sell suggests this decrease reflects a general decline in university enrollment.

FOS operates on a yearly budget of about \$30,000. Fees from delegates comprise fifty percent of the budget, and the

rest is funded by the Students' Union and the Board of Governors.

Sell says FOS definitely helps the majority of students who use them. On evaluation questionnaires about FOS, the respondents are "very impressed and quite pleased with the

services offered," she adds.

Many freshmen find the seminars invaluable on registration day and for those first classes.

If you know someone who'll be a first-year student next year, tell them about FOS.

You'll be doing them a favor.

Operation lifeline

Operation Lifeline is coming to SUB.

A one-hour segment of CBC-TV's live cross-Canada benefit for Indo-Chinese refugees will be broadcast from SUB Theatre Friday night.

The Edmonton section of the benefit will include performances by Murray McLachlan, The Alberta Ballet, al Cherney, Blake Emmons, and The Shumka Dancers, as well as numerous other artists.

The program will be hosted nation-wide by Wayne and Shuster; Tommy Banks and his orchestra will be the local hosts.

Refreshments and a cash bar will operate outside the theater, and a celebration for participants and audience will follow.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, purchasable for a \$10 "donation", are available at the Students' Union Box Office in HUB and at Mike's.

Peterson resigns, from page one

council which would give executive members a raise "to provide them with a full-time salary."

Peterson maintained both positions for the month of June, until student council, at its June 26 meeting, passed a motion of non-confidence in him by a vote of 11-3. Three consecutive votes of non-confidence in a student councillor necessitate a fall by-election for his position.

Council was expected to pass a second motion of non-confidence in Peterson at a specially-convened meeting July

3 when his letter of resignation was received. It was accepted by student council, effective immediately.

Peterson was elected in last spring's Students' Union elections as a member of the Alan Fenna slate. He was uncontested for the position of vp finance and administration.

His successor, Glenn Gallinger, will carry out the

duties of vp finance and administration until September 18 when a by-election for a replacement will be announced.

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