



... MY GOD! WHAT IS IT? ...

Formalities Extinguished, Examinations Continue

By David Estrin
Administration Reporter

Students rejoice!

The General Faculty Council, at its Nov. 25th meeting, voted to abolish the formal test week in March, which would have run from March 2nd to 7th inclusive.

In addition, students will get a long weekend at the end of March, with the cancellation of classes on the Saturday following Good Friday, March 28.

Cancellation of test week, which in effect means only that students may not be denied permission to leave the campus to participate in extra-curricular activities, is reported to be a result of several factors:

- Test week in March conflicts with Students' Union elections.
- Neither the test week nor the election can be changed to the satisfaction of all parties.
- Many staff members prefer not to be restricted to the set time and

Hootenanny Set For Dec. 4

Hootenannies are catching on.

On Dec. 4 at Convocation Hall, the International Students Committee of WUS is presenting an International Hootenanny.

The hootenanny is the first of its type on campus. It is designed to further international understanding on campus.

The performers will be from several of the varied ethnic groups attending this university. They will be dressed in their colorful national costumes.

Groups will represent India, Pakistan, West Indies, Scotland, and the Ukraine as well as Canadian and British folk singers.

Tickets will be available at Treasure Van and in SUB. They will cost 75c.

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Several factors were reported to have motivated Dr. John's motion that COSA recommend to General Faculty Council the elimination of classes on the Good Friday weekend.

The long weekend that would result would provide a significant break in the long chain of academic and social events between Christmas and the finals, the Notice of Motion said.

Such a break, it said, would allow students to ease pre-exam tension and allow them to catch up on papers, reading, studying, etc. It was further felt that students would return from this break relaxed, refreshed, and ready to start studying for final exams.

Population Challenges Survival

By Janis Kostash

Mankind is the greatest threat to itself.

The population explosion will challenge the continued existence of civilization, says W. E. Harris, associate professor of chemistry.

Professor Harris says that the population threat is far greater than that of nuclear warfare. Even with the prospect of ten or twenty nations having advanced military technology within the next decade even with annihilation as a probable threat, there is always the hope that man will be smart enough to bring the use of these weapons under control.

"Suppose even that Russia and China were wiped from the face of the earth—we would still not be in the clear," says Professor Harris.

EXPLOSION GREATEST THREAT

An enemy ten times as great as Russia or China is the exploding population, which is now on the verge of uncontrollability.

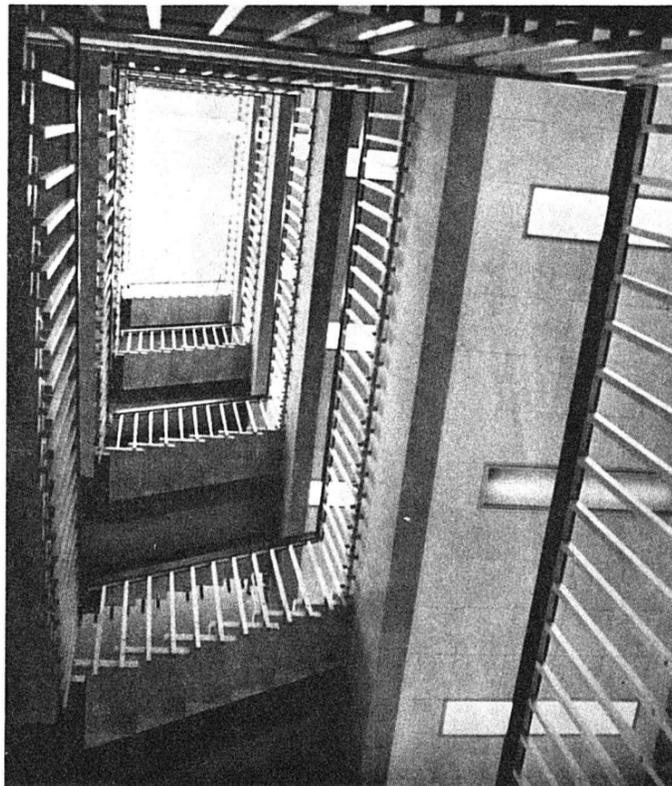
The rate of this explosion is increasing every day. It took 50,000 years for the world's population to reach one billion, in 1830.

In only one century, by 1930, the second billion was added. 35 years saw the third billion reached, and barring a military catastrophe, within the next 15 years the population of the earth will be four billion.

FOOD ONLY LIMIT

The limit in population growth is imposed by limitations in the food supply. Even with new lands being used, the rate of this development is slower than population growth.

National resources are not illimitable, and they are now being used at a frightening rate. Professor Harris applied this especially to energy consumption. "No matter what resources might be available, the population at some point becomes insupportable," he said.



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Canadian University Press DATELINE

Women Take Up Smoking—Pipes

VANCOUVER—Drop a bit of that dottle out of your pipes men—here come the women.

Two Ubysey (the campus paper) female staffers have taken up pipe smoking—all males be damned.

"Dottle, in case you didn't know," explained staffers Joan Weld and Lorraine Shore, "is the material left in the bottom of the pipe after a smoke."

"That's the stuff you shake out of the pipe when it gets goeey," said Miss Weld last week.

The two staffers started smoking in earnest about two weeks ago. But Miss Weld said she had smoked a pipe on and off for the last two years.

Of course most campus males who have seen the pair smoking do not approve.

"It must offend their masculinity or something," said Miss Shore. "I don't mind," said one distraught male, "as long as they don't start growing beards."

"It's great, as long as I don't have to go out with them when they are smoking the damn things," said another.

And the girls?

Well they say they'll just go on smoking. They're even planning to buy pipes with jewels on them.

U of T Marches For Canada

TORONTO—About 3,000 University of Toronto students demonstrated their concern over the future of Confederation last week by participating in the March for Canada on Queen's Park.

Despite threatening rain, the students marched in an orderly column three abreast from behind the SAC building to the front of the Parliament buildings.

They presented, through their spokesman Doug Ward, a brief requesting that Premier Robarts maintain an understanding attitude towards the problems affecting Canada in the Federal-Provincial conference which opened in Ottawa Tuesday, Nov. 26.

From the steps of the Parliament buildings, Doug Ward delivered a speech to which Robarts then replied.

"We have decided to miss our lectures rather than miss this opportunity," said Ward.

"We are concerned about the French-Canadian fact. Our neighbors to the East are accomplishing a renaissance and a revolution which are giving fresh vitality to their cultural group.

"We must heed the call of Quebec if the concert of Canada is to be harmonious," he told the assembled students.

Robarts in answer again avoided a direct statement of his policies and called the situation "serious but not desperate."

One student was restrained from carrying a sign with the letters FLQ, and during the first few seconds of Ward's speech a heckler cried out from the audience. These were the only deviations from order in the crowd.

Faculty members, members of the registrar's office—all sections of the university were represented at this important function.

Saddle Sales Boom

OTTAWA—The World University of Canada's Treasure Van continues to show increased sales over last year.

Latest figures show York University with over 100 per cent increase from last year with a total of \$2,761 compared with \$1,196 in 1962. University of Toronto sales this year were \$7,493 compared with \$5,693 in 1962; Memorial University, \$4,190, compared with \$3,054 in 1962; Dalhousie, \$4,455, compared with \$3,454; McMaster, \$3,868, compared with \$2,347.

Snick Officially Accepted

LONDON—University of Western Ontario's chapter of Canadian Friends of SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee—known as Snick) received formal recognition last week when the students' council ratified its constitution.

The first chapter established in Canada now can carry on its program at Western.

Miss June Blake, Snick president, said that her group hopes to bring knowledge of what is happening in the south to Western and Canadian students. They also want to ally themselves with the movement in the south to show the people there that they are not alone in their fight for equality and civil rights.

Medical College Increase

DEHRADUN, INDIA—The Indian Minister for Health, Dr. Sushila Nayar, said recently that 100 medical colleges would be opened by 1971 on the basis of one college for each 5,000,000 people in India.

He said that since independence the number of medical colleges has doubled. (No figure made available on present number of colleges). In 1962 there were 6,000 admissions to medical colleges and in 1963, 9,000 students entered the colleges.