

Canadian University Press DATELINE

York joins ranks with pill

TORONTO—The University of Toronto has it. Western has it. Waterloo has it and now York University has joined the ranks with the pill.

Dr. H. J. Wheeler, director university health services, said, "In my own general practice I give out birth control information and tablets, but this is at my discretion, after an interview with the patient and conducting an examination.

"In my office at the Health Services, which is a form of general practice, I will follow the same procedure, unless advised to the alternative by the university," he added.

There is no official university policy on birth control at the Student Health Services.

"The issue is entirely in the hands of the medical profession. It depends on the doctor and patient," said university president Murray Ross.

Dr. Joan Stewart, of Psychological Services, said Psychological Services thinks it is part of its responsibility to provide students with information on birth control.

Ford Foundation to finance study

MONTREAL—The Ford Foundation has announced it will finance a \$150,000 study of relations between universities and provincial governments in Canada.

One representative from each of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Canadian Union of Students, and l'Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec will form a steering committee and will appoint three commissioners to undertake the study.

The commissioners will report in about a year.

The commission will study the role of universities in Canadian society, determine the need, nature and extent of both university autonomy and public control of universities, and recommend ways to establish relationships between universities and governments to make both more efficient in their dealings.

Jacques St-Pierre of CAUT said, "The question is how much control should be exerted by government, which, as the representative of society, provides a major part of the university financing, and how much autonomy the universities must retain."

Robert Tessier, past vice-president of UGEQ and UGEQ rep on the steering committee, said, "I'm very happy about our collaboration with CUS on the steering committee."

Ryerson votes to stay with CUS

TORONTO—Ryerson students have voted to remain in the Canadian Union of Students.

At a referendum last week, 70% of the vote favored CUS. Students at the universities of Windsor and B.C. have also endorsed CUS this term.

Labor and construction difficulties cause married student housing delay

Michener Park, the married students housing complex, is having problems.

Of the park's 299 two-bedroom apartments (197 row houses, 60 maisonettes and 42 apartments in Vanier House), only about 160 units are now completed.

Construction delays and labor shortage are cause of the delay in completion, said Derek Bone, director of food services and housing.

One of the construction delays involved power transformers.

"When installed, they were found to be not up to specifications of the city of Edmonton," said Mr. Bone. They had to be completely rewired, something which is being done at the moment.

The maisonettes, three-storey apartments, have proved the big-

gest problem. They were originally scheduled for completion Sept. 15. "We've been told they will be ready Dec. 15," said Mr. Bone.

The delays have caused inconveniences to students in that some have had to put up with inadequate accommodation while waiting for quarters in Michener Park.

"But so far, there have been no complaints," said Mr. Bone.

He said students who had been promised a definite date for moving into Michener Park, have been

taken care of—even if it meant finding them accommodation in motels.

Students are being moved in constantly. As soon as a unit is completed, prospective occupants may take possession.

Often furniture is moved in while the unit is still being painted.

The fact that some students have had to put up with inadequate accommodation while waiting is one of Mr. Bone's biggest regrets.

Occupying poor accommodation "is not conducive to studying," he said.

Physiotherapists recapture coveted Transfusion Trophy

The campus blood drive reached 87.5% of its goal last week as 2,627 worthy souls bled for the cause.

Physiotherapy once again won the Transfusion Trophy. They had a 96.1% turnout. Grad students appear to be the worst bleeders; only 3.9% of them showed up.

Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta came out on top in the women's fraternities competition, while Delta Sigma Phi and Zeta Psi will share the Beer Trophy.

Kelsey Hall won the inter-residence trophy, The Gory Goblet. In the competition between meds and engineers, the Ash Can Trophy went to the engineers.

Students' council thrashed The Gateway; 63.5% of council turned out compared to The Gateway's 33.5%

"There will be no more blood drives this year," said Blaine Hirsche, mep rep on council. "This was the decision of the Red Cross. They felt that one two-week blood drive instead of the usual two one-week drives would be more efficient," he said.

Hirsche hopes to arrange for a presentation of the trophies today in SUB.

Last year 2,340 pints of blood were donated.

Bishops considers joining UGEQ

LENNOXVILLE, Que. (CUP)—Bishops University is considering joining L'Union Générale des Etudiants du Québec.

If they do they will be the last of Quebec's English speaking universities to become a member of the provincial union.

Their students' council passed a recommendation Monday contained in a report presented to council by external affairs chairman Nancy Brodie.

The report said education is a provincial responsibility and in Quebec UGEQ is the only representative of the students to the government.

Union president Andy Sancton said he foresaw difficulties in reconciling Bishops' philosophy with that of UGEQ.

Last year Bishops withdrew from the Canadian Union of Students because of the political activity of the national student body.

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

There will be no recreational swimming Nov. 20 and 27 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. because of intramural swim meets.

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