

Secret files may soon be open

Students may soon have partial access to their personal university files.

Liz Law, a student member of the General Faculty Council's ad hoc committee on secret files, says a final decision will probably be made at the end of the month.

Most committee members are in favor of opening up the files part-way, but have to ascertain final opinion of their constituents, she said Thursday.

If the proposed policy is approved, students would have direct access to all files except medical records (which could be seen in the presence of a counsellor) and records of a "confidential" nature.

Records of such nature could be released only with the permission of the person who originally marked it confidential—and not to the student. For example, if a graduate student needed confidential infor-

mation about himself to show his dean, the dean would have to request the information and keep it from the student.

The secret files committee was formed after the Fisher-Whiteside

sociology issue last spring, when the two professors asked to hear what evidence was being brought against them in their tenure disputes. The committee contains 11 members, one of them non-voting.

Summer FOS meetings show potential freshmen both sides

"I wasn't disillusioned by FOS. It was a big party. But I was disillusioned by university." This was the opinion of one student who attended the Freshman Orientation Seminars this past summer.

The seminars are designed to give potential freshmen a chance to become aware of the complexities of university life and get one eye open and one foot on the ground said FOS director Bob Anderson.

During high school visitations, FOS directors invite students to the campus in the summer. The students stay in residence for 3½ days at a cost of \$19 per person.

Tours of the buildings and libraries, and practice for registration introduces the student to the physical side of university.

Recreational activities included pizza breaks, films and a dance to give the student an idea of the social side of university. For out-of-town students, the seminars provided an opportunity to make friends for the coming year.

Students were to attend a summer session Arts lecture. However, this was cancelled once summer session classes ended.

Faculty and student discussion panels met varying degrees of success.

According to students interviewed, the "Faculty Night," where upperclassmen talked about their

own faculties was one of the most enlightening experiences. But they complained about lack of confrontation with faculty advisors and administrative personnel.

Anderson said, "during the summer it's difficult to line up resource people."

He feels that the administration is taking a sufficient interest in bridging the gap from high school to university.

With the increase in the university population, Anderson believes some kind of compulsory orientation for all freshmen will be necessary.

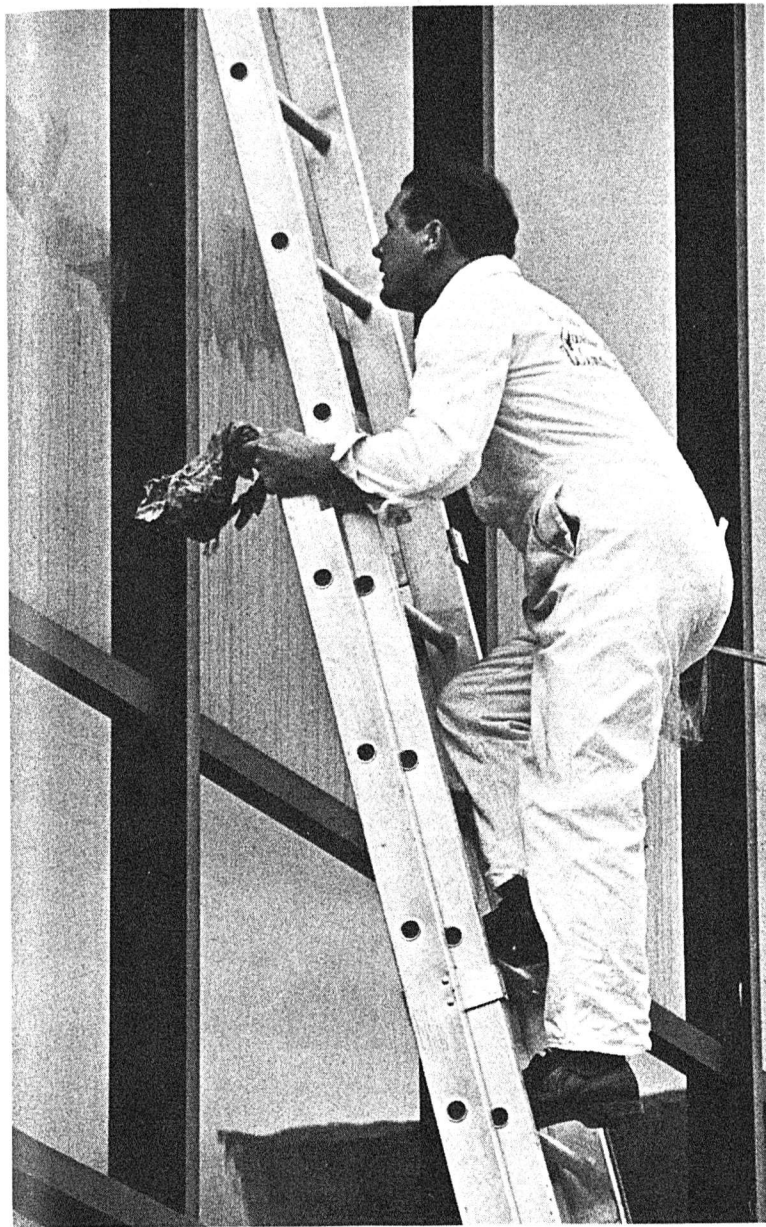
He did not think that the present organization of FOS could handle that many students. Last year, only 200 students attended the 13 seminars.

Anderson said plans are being made to revise and trim down the seminars so more students could be facilitated. Different seminars will be run simultaneously for two days only.

He also hoped with an increase of staff to establish some criteria for the selection of the seminar leaders. The leaders now are interested and concerned students who volunteer their services. Their training consists of a short leadership retreat in June.

By decreasing the pay from \$10 per day to \$10 per seminar, Anderson expects to weed out all but the dedicated leaders.

The seminars are run on a joint budget with the high school visitation group, amounting to \$12,500. Anderson explained that two-thirds of this was provided by the Department of Youth. The other third is shared by the students' union and the administration.



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"OUT, OUT, DAMNED SPOT! I refuse to wash that place once more!" Well, even if they missed a few marks, the windows of SUB are much clearer after the window washers' appearance this week. Only two seasons late, their arrival marked the start of annual spring cleaning on campus.

Campus parish reorganized

The religious scene on campus is to be restructured this year.

Eight chaplains have formed a team chaplaincy, representative of six religious organizations on campus.

Rev. Barry Moore, United Church chaplain at U of A, says the team chaplaincy is different from other ecumenical chaplaincies in Canada in that it includes representatives of non-church organizations such as the Student Christian Movement, Student Counselling, and the Lutheran Student Movement as well as Anglican and United Church chaplains.

Rev. Moore says the team chaplaincy will further co-operation among the various religious organizations, and present a unified strategy to the campus.

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