

Journal Sparks Raid On Fraternities -- Hooper

A complaint from the Edmonton Journal to Edmonton city police prompted a raid on five U of A fraternities last week, The Gateway has learned.

Major R. C. W. Hooper, dean of men, said Tuesday the Journal engineered the raid by first telephoning the fraternities involved and asking members whether beer or liquor was kept in fraternity houses.

Then, said Maj. Hooper, the Journal "called the morality squad and informed them that the frats had beer machines."

"The squad then proceeded with the raid, starting with the Thetas, which was a mistake," added Maj. Hooper.

The Thetas and all other women's fraternities, had no alcoholic beverages, the dean of men said.

The mid-morning raid Feb. 24, netted Edmonton police about 600 bottles of beer and a dozen bottles of liquor.

The five fraternities involved, Zeta Psi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Sigma and Delta Sigma Phi were subsequently charged with keeping liquor for resale.

COURT SUMMONS

Five fraternity presidents were given summonses to appear March 18 in Edmonton police court.

Louis Hyndman, former students' union president, will appear on the fraternities' behalf.

When the Journal phoned the fraternities and asked about beer or liquor, the fraternities were immediately suspicious, said Maj. Hooper.

"The fraternities didn't know what the Journal was up to," Maj. Hooper added.

Then came the raid.

"When the police arrived at the fraternity houses, photographers and reporters were around to get a good story," said the dean of men. Edmonton city police Inspector



MAJOR R. C. W. HOOPER
... the Journal complained

Wm. H. Stewart also criticized the Journal's handling of the story.

"I think it got too much publicity in the Journal," Insp. Stewart told The Gateway.

Maj. Hooper said this was the first raid on U of A fraternity houses in the last six or seven years.

When asked if the university suspected the fraternities had alcoholic beverages, Maj. Hooper said:

"Of course the university had suspicions.

"There will have to be a modification in the present liquor regulations to bring the fraternities under the control of the Alberta Liquor Control Act," he said.

NO NICHE

"At the present, said Maj. Hooper, "there is no niche in liquor licensing into which the fraternities can fit."

Fraternities don't fit the exact requirements of a club, he said.

They have to try to licence private homes.

The dean of men gave his own opinion on student drinking.

"If students are going to drink, it is preferable they do so under supervision, instead of in a parked car or another undesirable location," he said.

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HEY SUE, YOUR SLIP IS SHOWING!—But that's all right, a lot of other slips were probably showing at the Tuesday election rally in Con Hall. Nine candidates, their kicklines, campaign managers, musicians, balloon poppers, poster wavers and ballot stuffers all combined to entertain an audience of 650 persons for more than an hour. Results of all this frenzied activity will be known tonight.

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Apathy Ruins Means Survey

U of A Student Reaction Second Worst In Canada

By Al Bromling

U of A students sank to new depths of apathy on the student means survey conducted by the Canadian Union of Students, says CUS chairman Dave Estrin.

"Our response is the second poorest in Canada, only UBC students are more apathetic," says Estrin after talking to the national vice-president of CUS, Malcolm Scott.

"We must have an 80 per cent response if the results are to be meaningful," says survey director Bryan Campbell.

Less than half the randomly selected students responded to efforts to have them complete the questionnaire.

Students' union president Francis Saville says renewed efforts will be made to obtain a better response.

"This survey will probably prove to be the most significant factor in establishing tuition fee levels for years to come."

Since the response to the appeal to students to appear and complete the questionnaire failed, the students' union will send the questionnaires out to students and include stamped, self-addressed envelopes for returning the survey forms.

"Surely they will not object to this small sacrifice after the efforts of the students' union to prevent a fee increase before the facts are available," says Saville.

POOR SHOWING

In spite of a telephone campaign to get the students to complete the forms only 370 out of 796 selected students responded to the letters sent out by the committee.

The excuses given for not appearing are:

- involvement in student teaching
 - too much other work
 - pessimistic viewpoint . . . fees will go up no matter what efforts student government makes, and
 - the view that "my situation is unique and will prove nothing."
- One student told the telephone questioner he had no intention of "helping people enter university when most of them sit around and vegetate."

"The girls were shocked at some of the downright impolite replies given to the callers' efforts to encourage participation in the survey," says Saville.

The CUS survey is a cross-Canada effort to discover how much students earn compared with the costs of their education.

The sample for the survey consists of ten per cent of the students in Canadian universities as scientifically calculated by computer selection.

AFFLUENCE SHOWS

"All the universities except U of A and UBC have obtained at least a 70 per cent response . . . perhaps our affluence is showing," says Estrin.

Saville says he is disappointed in the response from our ten per cent.

"I wish we had chosen a different ten per cent," he says.

"We will mail the survey out and rely on the responsibility of the individual student to complete it and return it."

Bryan Campbell, who has been conducting the survey for the students' union, says the costs of university education are bound to increase.

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