

GMCC enrolment

booms

Enrolment at Grant MacEwan Community College is booming while the University of Alberta and NAIT have remained about the same as last year.

About 1,500 full-time students are expected to register at Grant MacEwan this fall, compared to 1,056 last year.

Dick Balchen, newly appointed registrar at the college, predicts enrolment will increase between 10 and 20 per cent a year for the next seven years.

"The smaller size and vocationally orientated approach at the college are reasons for the growth," said Balchen.

"Students feel they get more personal attention and they are going to get a job after going to Grant MacEwan."

Full-time enrolment at the U of A will be between 17,500 and 18,000, comparable to last year's 17,757. It has fallen from a record high of 18,553 in 1968-69.

Doug Burns, assistant registrar at the U of A, said enrolment has dropped because

"it became obvious the function of the university wasn't to guarantee jobs."

"Students are looking for educational opportunities leading to job placement," said Burns.

However, with the elimination of Grade 12 departmental exams, a slight increase in first-year students is expected.

Without departmentals, the student knows earlier whether his marks meet university requirements. In the past, high school students didn't receive their marks until July or August.

Another factor in the increase has been a loosening of academic requirements by some faculties. Arts, for example, allows students to take high school language courses at the university for credit.

Lack of facilities has kept NAIT enrolment down to about 4,000 full-time students.

NAIT has received about the same number of first-year applications - over 5,000 - as last year but only 3,000 were accepted.

Record (SU)ccess

One of the better services offered by the Student Union This year is SU Records, located on the HUB Mall.

Its basic purpose, in the words of manager Laureen Marchand, is "to provide a service to students which will make records available at low prices."

Records sell for 50 cents above cost, covering the fields of rock, folk, blues, jazz, classical, international, opera, and soundtracks.

The idea originated last year in the Students' Union, with the intent of providing students with a service rather than making money. SU Records works on a break-even basis, with money from record sales being re-invested in the store.

English

courses offered

The Department of Extension is offering courses to help you improve your spoken and written English.

Beginning Oct. 9, classes will cover such topics as remedial pronunciation and conversation to reading comprehension, improvement of writing skills and thesis writing. The fee for the 40-hour course is \$60.

Tests to determine whether students take intermediate or advanced courses will be held Sept. 15, 22, and 29 at 9 a.m. in Corbett Hall. The test fee is \$3.

For further information, phone 432-3116.

DENTURES IMPROVE MILK

[Earth News]Over in Spain, the dairy cattle are wearing false teeth and producing more and better milk than ever.

Those two seemingly unrelated facts were revealed by a German agricultural magazine recently. It said that Spanish scientists made the very reasonable observation that cows are happiest when they're chewing their cud, and—as is commonly known—the happier the cow, the better is its yield of milk.

The problem with many cows, though, is that they have bad teeth. So the Spaniards fitted the cows with stainless steel dentures—the better to chew their cud—and sure enough, the milk began to flow thick and plentiful.

Present stock numbers about 3500 records, about half of which can be classified as rock and folk. Stock is replenished every two weeks.

If a student wants a record not in stock it can be specially ordered for him.

Future plans include tapes also to be sold at 50 cents above cost. SU Records can't import right now, due to lack of a British distributor, but hope to in the future.

One of the present features is the sale of used records, which the store will sell on behalf of students for a 25 cent service charge. Price is determined by the student selling.

SU Records will refund the full price on any record defective when sold, because it has a direct return policy with manufacturers.

Marchand's salary is paid by the Student Union, which has a supervisory role in the operation.

Laureen was quite pleased with the first week of operation, and believes the store will be extremely successful once more students discover it.

The store, which will give away copies of any posters it has, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Frosh got the word

In an attempt to help first-year students adjust to university life, the Freshman Orientation Committee held seminars throughout the summer.

Two types were offered, day seminars, at cost of \$5, and weekend seminars at \$23, which included room and board at Lister Hall.

Gateway talked to Willie Subchuk, a first-year science student who took part in one of the one day seminars, during the last week of August. Subchuk said he would have been lost completely if he had not taken the seminar.

Group leaders discussed the various clubs on campus and how students could join. Information about pre-requisites for courses was provided, along with a discussion on relations with professors. Well over 500 students attended the one-day seminars, and according to organizer Valerie Keates, most came for registration information.

The weekend seminars, which attracted 166, differed from the day seminars in that they gave the student a deeper insight into the university life and included meetings with professors from various departments and other students. The only complaints were about food at Lister Hall. The approximate first year enrolment at the U of A is 2700, indicating Freshman Orientation Seminars reached a substantial portion of freshmen.

Profs retain ties with U

Professor emeritus has been awarded by the board of governors to ten retiring staff members.

The appointments allow retiring professors to a continuing connection with the university through continued use of facilities for research or study.

Upon recommendation from the Dean's Council, they were awarded to Dr. W.H. Johns, former president of the U of A, professor in classics department; Dr. R.W. Longley, geography; Dr. D.G. MacGregor, oral diagnosis and surgery; Dr. L.W. McElroy, department of animal science; Edgar Phibbs, mathematics; W.W. Preston, civil engineering; Alexander Smith, law; B.E. Walker, educational foundations; F.W. Wood, department of food science; and W.L. Bigg, civil engineering.

Audit changes

Changes in audit privileges at the University of Alberta will enable more people to take courses this fall.

They allow any person to audit a course - to attend lectures without paying the full fee or receiving credit - with the permission of the instructor, chairman of the department and dean of the faculty in which the course is offered.

Previously, these privileges were restricted to students enrolled in a degree or diploma course at the university.

Fees are \$50 for full year and \$25 for a half-year course.

Permission to audit will be given beginning Sept. 10, after registration is completed and enrolment in each course is known.

Can you believe — 2,000,000,000 joints a year?

GRASSVILLE (ZNS) — Information released by the government's new super drug agency—The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency—indicates that Americans are illegally smoking at least two billion joints per year. The information released by the new agency is based on reports last year submitted to the agency by the U.S. Customs Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. These two departments reported seizing a total of 365,000 pounds of weed at various border crossings during 1972.

The Customs Department has previously estimated that it has been able to seize only 8 to 10 per cent of the illegal pot that is being smuggled each year into

the U.S. So, using the agency's figures, about four million pounds of pot—most of it from Mexico—safely found its way into the United States in 1972.

Four million pounds of weed is enough to roll an estimated two billion joints. Amorphia, the non-profit corporation which is pushing for the legalization of marijuana, reports that there has been a dramatic increase in the sales of rolling papers. Doctor Michael Aldrich of Amorphia states that between 1965 and 1970, the number of rolling papers sold in the United States jumped by nearly 900 per cent; Aldrich estimates that there are enough rolling papers being sold yearly to roll up to 10 billion joints.

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