

featurette

Former Wauneita President Reports On Cornell University

Students from last year will remember sparkly Pat Hyduk, Wauneita President, commonly known as "Patsy Cree." She is doing graduate work at Cornell, and sends us the following report.

SUB expanders will please note the description of "Straight." Lets' have beer and a theatre too, eh? And a terrace even. Skip the dog bit however.

"What I have written is so inadequate," Pat says. "I can't possibly express the important things that have gone on—it would take too long, and I haven't the ability." But from between the lines, it may be that we will absorb some of the really "important" things too.

Cornell University, founded in 1865 by Ezra Cornell, is located in Ithaca, New York at the tip of Cayuga Lake, one of the upstate "finger lakes."

The university is privately endowed with the exception of the colleges of Home Economics, Agriculture, Industrial and Labor Relations, and Veterinary Medicine which are state supported. Approximately 11,000 students are enrolled at Cornell, about 2,000 of whom are graduates.

Foreign students number between 700 and 800, 108 of whom are Canadians.

DEVOTED CITY

Ithaca, a city of 12,000, is devoted almost entirely toward the university. One definite advantage of studying in this type of small city is that the townspeople are interested in the university's activities and students, and are anxious to help with research.

"Collegetown" is that part of Ithaca located directly next to the campus, and is filled with automatic laundries for student use, restaurants, stores directed to the students' tastes, and several quaint bars.

DARK, DIRTY, JUMPING

Leonardo's, Jim's Place, and Johnny's—dark, dirty, noisy, jumping places—are the scenes of many a student rendezvous, especially since the legal age for drinking in New York state is eighteen years. This liquor law has apparently been a controversial issue for some time but attempts to change it have been unsuccessful due to pressure by the owners of liquor stores and by the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages.

The Cornell campus, located on a hill above the city, is an extremely beautiful and large one, bounded on the north and south by two gorges at the bottom of which are cascading streams. It is very hilly (one is supposed to be able to estimate the number of years a Cornell coed has been at the university by the amount of muscle development of her legs), and has many huge, beautiful oak trees.

A lake in the centre of the campus provides students with a swimming area in the summer and a skating rink in the winter.

The Students' Union building—Willard Straight Hall—or the "Straight," houses a reading room, a huge lounge, a cafeteria in which beer is sold, a movie theatre, student offices, TV room, a "pool" room, plus many others in which headquarters of various clubs are located. One of the main attractions of the Straight is the terrace which overlooks the valley.

INVADED BY DOGS

The Straight is invaded daily by a large number of dogs—from St.

Bernards to tiny mongrels—who come to the cafeteria in hopes of finding some food. Apparently Ezra Cornell, dog-lover that he was, stipulated that all dogs were to be permitted to roam everywhere and anywhere. So they are found sleeping



PAT HYDUK

in classrooms, running across the campus, and looking at you soulfully over your plate of food in the cafeteria, even barking when no attention is given.

Academic facilities at Cornell are excellent. For example, the libraries number more than 25 and all of them are large and well-equipped. Mann library for Home Economics and Agriculture students is as big as Rutherford; Olin library a huge 7 storey building is devoted mainly to graduate studies.

Almost all the schools or departments are good and well-known across the country, especially the state-supported ones.

The school of Home Economics, for example, is housed in a huge six-storey building and has 600 students as well as 100 graduate students. Indeed, it is considered to be one of the best in the United States.

The opportunity to expand one's cultural knowledge is also exceptional at Cornell. One can see and hear many renowned guest lecturers, visiting politicians and scientists, singers, dancers, and musicians from many countries. Everything from Ray Charles to the Philadelphia Philharmonic can be seen and enjoyed.

Students at Cornell are like those anywhere else except for some minor but interesting differences. Almost everyone has some kind of accent—from the Brooklyn type to the southern drawl. Also, the wearing apparel of Cornell students is more casual than that of Canadians.

IN SHORTS AND SNEAKERS

One can see Cornellians attending classes and fraternity parties in baggy sweaters, blue jeans, Bermuda shorts, bobby socks, and sneakers. Their defense for their sometimes sloppy dress is that they haven't time, or that the winters are cold. (The average temperature in Ithaca during the winter is always above zero degrees.)

A lot of students dress well, however, and the above description does not apply to all of them.

Graduate student life at Cornell is extremely enjoyable, especially as a foreign student. The academic atmosphere is stimulating. One can exchange ideas with, and learn about conditions in many countries: Philipines, the United Kingdom, Japan,

Germany, France, Russia, Sweden, Australia, and Venezuela to mention only a few. So much can be derived from engaging in a friendly chat with these people.

CO-EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sage Hall, a co-educational grad student dormitory provides the necessary background for just such social contact. Approximately 100 men and 100 women live there; half of them American, the others international. In Sage almost everyone gets to know the others rather well, sharing experiences good and bad—the flunking of an important exam, the acceptance of a thesis, and of course the inevitable party thereafter, all of which makes for an educational experience.

Ed. Note: Yes, Pat lives in Sage.

Activities for the foreign student are many and well-conducted. During the first several weeks in September, luncheons, parties and concerts are held for foreign students. These social functions are so interesting that many American students wish to attend.

A BIT OF BLUFF

A friend of mine pretended to be from British Columbia so that she could accompany me to one of them. It was great fun watching her bluff her way through the affair, spouting the facts about Canada that I had told her only minutes before.

Later on in the term, during vacation periods, the foreign students office organizes special low-cost trips to Niagara Falls, New York city, and Washington, D.C. If a student is unable to leave Cornell during the holidays, there is always a family willing to invite him home for dinner or a social event.

Wish some of you could join me in the fun.

Bentley I'm stuck—can't write anymore. It sounds terrible. Hope it gets to you after the last edition of The Gateway.

Oh well, fond regards to all anyway.

Patsy Cree

Ed. Note: And we're glad your piece made it on time.

Faculty Protests Prof Dismissal

LINCOLN, III. (CUP-CPS) Four faculty members have resigned from the faculty of Lincoln College protesting the dismissal of another professor for anti-Cuba blockade picketing.

Two other faculty members said they would resign if the professor, Joseph Leston, was not reinstated. The college has a 26-man faculty.

UAC Students Share Food

CALGARY (CUP) Students and staff at the University of Alberta at Calgary will be asked to give up one meal and donate the money to the World University Service SHARE campaign.

A report in the UAC student paper, The Gauntlet, says "Hunger Booths" will be set up around campus where coupons for a free drink of water from any campus fountain will be given to contributors.

A new organization devoted to the fact that all co-eds are created equal. Moral Disarmament conceived in the principle of Amoris Liberis. Everyone is a vice-president in Moral Disarmament. Join today.

LAST CALL: SU POSITIONS

Applications will be received by the undersigned until noon, Saturday, March 23, 1963, in the Students' Union Office.

Young male or female students desiring adventurous, interesting year working on campus student government projects, please see opportunities below:

- ADVERTISING MANAGER, The Gateway:** responsible for obtaining advertising for regular editions of The Gateway, receives 5 per cent commission on revenues.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:** responsible for promotion of interest in student affairs among the general public. Receives honorarium.
- ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:** assists the Public Relations Officer.
- DIRECTOR, Students' Union Telephone Directory:** supervises production of the annual student telephone book. Honorarium.
- ADVERTISING MANAGER, Telephone Directory:** responsible for obtaining advertising for telephone book.
- DISCIPLINE BOARD:** Five members, one of whom must be a woman student, and all of whom must be in third year on campus while members. To act as a student court in matters of discipline, interpretation and enforcement, in accordance with the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the Students' Union.
- SIGNBOARD MANAGER:** to deliver Students' Union and other signs to campus noticeboards daily. Honorarium.
- DIRECTOR, Evergreen and Gold:** to supervise publication of the annual Students' Union yearbook. Honorarium.
- DIRECTOR, Signboard Directorate:** to replace Anne and Jane, if it can be done... responsible for production of campus promotional materials. Honorarium.
- CHAIRMAN, Student Supervisory Staff:** to manage supervisory staff in Students' Union Building. Responsible to House Committee for enforcement of building regulations. Salary. Required to live in Students' Union Building.
- JUNIOR LIVING-IN MEMBER, Student Supervisory Staff:** assist Chairman in enforcing building regulation. Also responsible for upkeep of SUB Games Room. Required to live in SUB. Salary.
- LIVING-OUT MEMBERS, Student Supervisory Staff:** six students, male or female, responsible for evening work one or two nights weekly on regular basis, to act as information officers and enforce SUB regulations on behalf of the Students' Union. Not required to live in SUB. Salary.
- SCRIPT WRITER, Varsity Varieties 1964:** a Golden Key Society appointment.
- DIRECTOR, Varsity Varieties 1964:** a Golden Key Society appointment.
- MUSIC WRITER, Varsity Varieties 1964:** a Golden Key Society appointment.
- CHAIRMAN, Promotions Committee:** responsible for stimulating interest among the student body in campus events and Students' Union promotions. Honorarium.
- DIRECTOR, Photography Directorate:** to supervise work of Photo Directorate during the 1963-64 term. Honorarium.
- VICE-CHAIRMAN, NFCUS Committee:** to assist NFCUS Chairman.
- DIRECTOR, Leadership Seminars:** to plan and organize the annual student leadership workshops.
- CHAIRMAN, Graduating Class Committee:** responsible for making arrangements for this year's graduation exercises.
- VICE-CHAIRMAN, Promotions Committee.**
- TREASURER, Promotions Committee.**
- DIRECTOR of Audio-Advertising, Promotions Committee.**

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Reorganizational moves of Students' Council this year have resulted in creation of a new administrative department for student government. A Director's Circle will supplement Students' Council, comprising heads of major organizations working under Council. Members of the Director's Circle will be required to attend Council meetings, may speak to Council when matters concerning their responsibilities are under consideration, but shall not vote. Applications are now being received for Directorships and general membership of the following organizations:

- PERSONNEL BOARD:** a new body, responsible for recruiting and selecting manpower for Students' Union committees, commissions and standing committees, including those listed below.
- BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** a standing committee of Council, responsible for revisions of Students' Union legislation and for preparation of such new legislation as may be required by Council policy.
- PLANNING COMMISSION:** formerly SUB Expansion Committee this Commission is responsible for continuing planning towards completion of the addition to SUB.
- REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:** a special study committee of Council, responsible for collecting all relevant information and for making recommendations regarding improvements in the structure of government of the Students' Union.
- AWARDS COMMITTEE:** responsible for recommending Candidates for Students' Union activity awards to Council.
- FINANCE COMMISSION:** to be chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer. A six-man group responsible for screening the annual budget.
- ACADEMIC RELATIONS BOARD:** to represent the student body in academic questions to the faculty and administration.

PROCEDURE OF APPLICANTS

The above positions are open to any member of the Students' Union interested and qualified. However, interest is a relative thing... and qualifications are flexible. The Students' Union needs students interested in student affairs, who are willing to play an active part in student life. To apply, just write a note of application to—

Iain Macdonald,
The Secretary-Treasurer,
Students' Union,
University of Alberta.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, MARCH 23 (SATURDAY) TO BE CONSIDERED.