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L. R. C. NOTES

The other day we asked Nate to process some information for us.

"We'd like a preliminary analysis of the first 130 questionnaires that the students did on L.R.C. services," we said.

"JUST FEED ME THE DATA," intoned Nate, still shuffling the deck of cards he'd been playing with. "I'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE."

"All we want now is the overall picture," we emphasized. "The special breakdowns by faculty, year of study, type of program, etc., can wait until all the returns are in. Don't try to impress us with a lot of extraneous crap."

"I ONLY GIVE WHAT I GET," replied Nate smugly, starting to hum over our material.

There's no denying it. Nate is fast. Unfortunately, he's also one of those know-it-alls. He keeps burping out facts like some automaton, and there's no arguing with him. It can get pretty irritating.

"HMM," said Nate. "I SEE THAT YOU ONLY GOT 14% OF YOUR REPLIES FROM ARTS STUDENTS THIS YEAR. THAT'S DOWN, ISN'T IT?"

"Maybe," we countered. "But look at Education's 21%. Or the 12% each in A.U.P. and Science, the 9% each in Business and Nursing."

"NEVER MIND," said Nate. "69% OF THE TOTAL WERE IN FIRST YEAR, 59% IN UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS. A QUARTER OF THEM EXPECT TO DO VERY WELL ON EXAMS AND NO ONE IS PLANNING TO FAIL. 58% SPEND LESS THAN 5 HOURS A WEEK IN THE L.R.C."

"ONLY 42% REMEMBERED VIEWING A VIDEOTAPE ORIENTATION SESSION, BUT 83% OF THESE THOUGHT IT HAD TAUGHT THEM HOW TO USE THE L.R.C. BETTER."

"YOUR CLIENTS DON'T SEEM SO DETERMINED TO BE INDEPENDENT THIS YEAR," said Nate. "THEY'RE USING MORE BOOKS THAT THE INSTRUCTOR SUGGESTED, ARE MORE IN FAVOUR OF ASSIGNMENTS BASED ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESERVE ITEMS. TWO-THIRDS OF THEM FEEL THEY WOULDN'T DO AS WELL IF THEY WERE LEFT TO WORK MORE ON THEIR OWN."

"It'll certainly comfort those instructors to know that some of the people they haven't seen since September really need them after all."

"HERE'S SOMETHING. 68% OF THE STUDENTS THINK YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH PERIODICALS OVER THERE. THE FIGURE WAS ONLY ABOUT 50% LAST YEAR, WASN'T IT - BEFORE I DID ALL THOSE SPECIAL LISTS FOR YOU?"

"Okay, Nate," we sighed.

"CHEER UP. HERE'S A COUPLE FOR YOU. 93% OF THE STUDENTS FEEL THEY CAN GET ASSISTANCE FROM L.R.C. STAFF WHEN THEY NEED IT, WITH 44% AGREEING EMPHATICALLY. THOSE WHO MADE USE OF THE REFERENCE SERVICE WERE VERY HIGH ON IT, AND 87% RATED THE L.R.C. AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE COLLEGE."

"Well, we're only trying to do our job," we began modestly...

"DON'T START GETTING COMFORTABLE. ONE-THIRD OF THEM THINK YOU NEED MORE SPECIALIZED WORKS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS, FULLY 72% FEEL THAT FAR TOO OFTEN THE BOOKS THEY NEED ARE MISSING FROM THE SHELVES, AND 53% CONSIDER THE PLACE TOO NOISY."

"It's impossible to keep it totally silent," we argued, "and we're already looking at a program of providing more duplicate copies of key works."

"YEAH, THAT LOOKS LIKE A DEFINITE PROBLEM AREA. MAYBE IT EXPLAINS WHY SO MANY MORE PEOPLE (77%) SUPPORT THE PRESENT FINE SYSTEM, OR WHY 54% THINK YOU NEED STRONGER SECURITY OVER THERE. ANYWAY, 80% ARE IN FAVOUR OF THE HOURS OF OPENING."

"We've got to run, Nate. Anything else?"

"YOU NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME PROMOTING YOUR SCAT AND REFERENCE SERVICES, GUIDE MAPS, TELEPHONE RENEWALS, ORIENTATION....."

That's Nate. A real know-it-all.

A summary of his findings can be seen at the checkout desk. Special thanks to all those students who provided him with the data. Good luck with exams and have a great summer!

The L.R.C. Staff

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Don't forget we open at 10:00 A.M. Saturday mornings for the next couple of weeks, and Room 1322 is open for studying till 11:30 P.M. every night after the L.R.C. closes.