

# Three councillors present their views on priorities

By Janice MacPhail

Education? Service? Action? Where do the responsibilities of the students' council lie?

"The by-laws dictate the service function of the union, but in the last few years there has been a whole evolution towards the more political aspect," said students' union treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald Wednesday. He felt that the service function, which provides the more tangible aspect of council efforts, was inescapable. At the same time, he said that he was "not opposed to an action-oriented union." He felt that the categories of "service" and "action" are artificial and that priorities can only be set on the merits of each proposal.

## Referendum meaningless

The upcoming referendum is therefore "meaningless until you can get what the students want on the referendum," he said. The proposed priorities were passed

this year by only a small majority due to the change-over of councillors after the by-election and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that to "move in a new direction requires more soul-searching than just a referendum."

For next year, he proposed that council "maintain and upgrade what the union has provided," including the "educative" function. He felt that this could be done while maintaining the service aspect.

## Council goal not attained

Brian MacDonald, arts rep, defined the educative function as "bringing the students speakers, forums, ideas and events they wouldn't normally get in the formal university structure." He felt that although this was supposedly the main function of council this year, it had not attained its goal at all. The Gateway and councillors visiting their classes would help to publicize council activities, he

said. Mr. MacDonald felt that the average student would probably prefer an "educative-oriented" council if good speakers and debates were brought in. He said that students "should know how the university administration and structure affects them for the rest of their lives."

## Communication not education

Graham Begg, ed rep, felt that this year's council was a service-oriented one and that it had fulfilled its function well in this respect. As for the "educative function, he said that students should be informed of the issues, but "the students en masse should not act on these ideas or they will lose their individuality." He felt that communication, not education, should be stressed, through such means as politically-oriented undergraduate societies, greater student involvement in areas of their interest, The Gateway and CKSR.

## Students want service

"Students generally want service." That was the opinion Thursday of Don McKenzie, head of the reorganization committee. He felt that such services as SUB, charter flights, and the yearbook in particular this year are built-in obligations of the council which frustrated its attempt to be more educative. One possible reason he suggested for the difficulty was that council changed after the budget was fixed. Mr. McKenzie felt that students like tangible things, and they "have to be educated before they realize they need it (education)." Education, by his definition, would be "an attempt by the students' union to make the students more aware of their environment," through such events as forums and speakers. He felt "action" meant council moves that did not necessarily involve the opinions of students, but that there is "no meaningful action without education."



—Dave Hebditch photo

**RALLY ROUND THE ICE STATUE**—Faithful Listerites pitch in to show floor spirit by building statue for King Louis Bash this Saturday night. And, boy, do you ever need floor spirit (or spirits of some kind) to stay out hauling snow, bringing water, and shovelling slush on cold nights like these.

## Notre Dame may become public U

NELSON, B.C. (CUP) — The board of governors of Notre Dame University here has approved a submission asking the British Columbia government to make NDU the province's fourth public university, and the first in the interior.

NDU'S present enrollment is 600 with a planned capacity of 3,500 students. It is now a private Catholic institution. University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser

and Victoria are the province's existing public universities.

## Dutch churchman to speak at University of Alberta

Eminent Dutch churchman and first General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft will visit Edmonton Sunday and Monday as a part of the Gallagher

## Women to struggle for liberation—but they have only one day to do it

Women's Week on campus will only be Women's Day due to setbacks in planning.

Women's Week, conceived and organized by Wauneita representatives and students' council, was to be during the last week of January. Now, however, it will be one day, next Wednesday, Jan. 28.

### Motion passed

Before Christmas a motion was passed by council to support a Women's Week, and this month co-ordinators went before the finance board to request a budget of \$1,155 for the event. Their request was cut down to \$300 but the committee went ahead with plans for the week.

Unfortunately, a misunderstanding in booking the rooms in SUB resulted in rescheduling, and several well-known speakers, including Judy LaMarsh and Pauline Jewett, were unavailable for that time.

Consequently, the Women's Week is a Day. The new program, running from noon until 3 p.m. in SUB theatre, will include films and a panel, and representatives of the Women's Liberation group on campus will be on hand to answer questions. On the panel will be a student, a housewife, and speakers on the legal aspect of women's increasing societal role and particularly on women's role in labor.

### Position paper

An information booth will be

set up to distribute information about women's liberation groups and their aims. As well, the position paper of Women's Liberation, U of A, will be handed out. In it the resolutions and demands of the group are outlined. Briefly they are as follows:

Resolved: we will struggle against all forms of discrimination against women, occupational, educational, and legal.

### Demands:

- Inclusion of a clause about discrimination by sex in the Alberta and the Canadian Bill of Human Rights.
- Women's right to complete control of her body.
- Freedom from the full responsibility of rearing children, enabling woman to seek what other alternatives there may be for her at that time.
- Revision of the equal pay clause of the Alberta Labor Act.
- End of the "feminine mystique."
- End of the tracking system which perpetuates the idea that women are inferior to men, and discourages girls from assuming positions of responsibility channeling them into service roles.

### Main purpose

The main purpose behind the idea of having a Women's Week, or Day, is to introduce women to problems involved with liberation and to inform them of the facts of discrimination against them. It is also hoped to boost member-

ship in the group here. Following the Women's Day, there will be a meeting in SUB Thursday, Jan. 29. Check at the information desk for the room number and directions.

## Official notice of nominations

Nominations for the following students' council executive positions are now open:

- President of the Students' Union
- Vice-President of Academic Affairs
- Vice-President of External Affairs
- Secretary of the Students' Union
- Treasurer of the Students' Union
- Co-ordinator of Students' Activities
- Chairman of the Universities Athletic Board and President of Men's Athletics
- Vice-Chairman of the University Athletic Board and President of Women's Athletics
- Treasurer of the University Athletic Board
- President of Wauneita Society
- Vice-President of Wauneita Society
- Secretary-Treasurer of Wauneita Society.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the reception desk in SUB. All forms must be sealed in an unmarked envelope and deposited in the sealed container at the students' union office on Thursday, Feb. 5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Further inquiries should be directed to the returning officer.

Returning Officer  
Derek Bulmer