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STAFF THIS ISSUE—It was a long night. But we got here and this is what we are doing for you. Working to keep The Gateway readable were Bob Bragg who says he is going to go to council Sunday, Reg Moncrieff, Leona Gom who doesn't say hello to her friends—sometimes, Judy Samoil, Marilyn Astle, Jim Muller (who wrote a great piece on page seven), Forrest Bard, Ken Hutchinson who spent half the day swinging in the courtyard, Theo Bruseker, and B.S.P. Bayer who gave you the great shot on front page. That is my crew, so good day from Harvey Thomgirt, your loyal Gateway snake-in-the-shelf. Sorry, I forgot Margibell and our newest staffer, Dan Jamieson who comes from the Winnipeg Tribune.

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Editorial

Come on, let's be fair . . .

Students at this university now have two seats on the Board of Governors. This board is one which handles most of the financial affairs of the university but has very little to do with academic affairs.

The two students will not have a vote but will be classified as "student consultants" and thus, we are told by the students' council, they will be representative students and not representatives of the students.

A vote on the board will have to wait a change in the Universities Act and only an act of the legislative assembly currently being run by the Social Credit party can change this.

In light of what Marilyn Pilkington, president of the students' union, said about the World University Service decision recently, we wonder how anyone is going to explain a number of things.

Miss Pilkington said WUSC dropped Treasure Van though they had no right to do this since they were not representatives of the Canadian student body. Hence they cannot make decisions on behalf of the student body.

Now. We want to know how the representative students on the Board of Governors are going to speak for Alberta students when they are not representatives of the students.

Miss Pilkington and her mates are student-elected leaders in the student union. But we believe they do not have the right, nor the authority to represent University of Alberta students on committees, boards etc which are higher in authority than the students' council.

Students' council have relieved everyone the task of selecting representatives of the students to the board. Council is going to set up a committee of their own choice and they will interview applicants.

Can you imagine the chances of some very intelligent person who does not share the political views of council (i.e. not ultra conservative) getting on the board?

This is not a fair game.

Students should have a direct chance to vote for their representatives on the Board of Governors and on the General Faculty Council.

To vote in a council for a year and then have them make every decision for the students is not what we call "participatory democracy".

We maintain council should be councillors and do their own thing. We maintain that the representatives on the Board of Governors must be representatives of the students if they are to speak as students and must be voted in by a direct vote by the student body. Ditto for General Faculty Council.

We appreciate their efforts

In this day and age, we as students and individuals make it a habit of knocking the efforts of others. Certainly, The Gateway does its share.

This time, however, we would like to change faces for a moment and congratulate the Freshman Introduction Week committees and the Freshman Orientation Seminar committees for a tremendous job over the summer which produced excellent results this past week.

The FIW week, though not yet completed, has been the best ever on this campus. The organization has been great. Everything seemed to come off well.

The SUB courtyard, a natural location for campus activities, was utilized to the maximum by FIW. And when there is a band in the court-

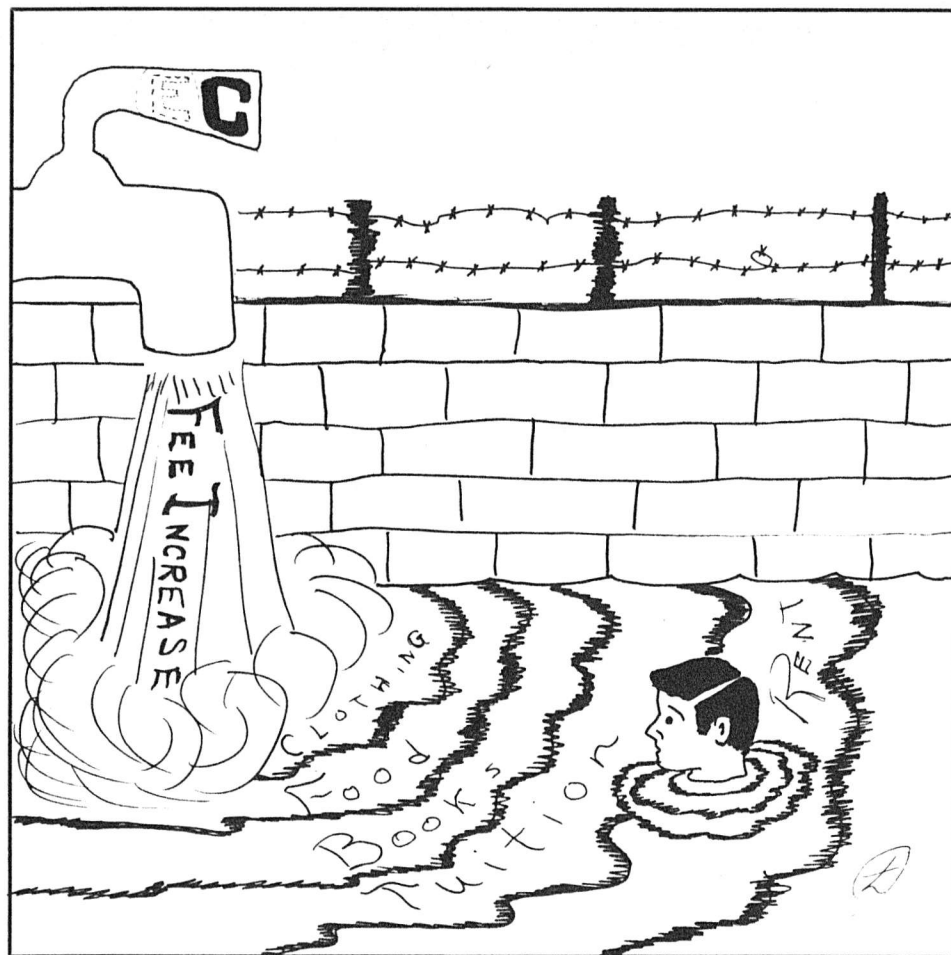
yard, it seems to squeeze a little life into this new, sterile-looking building.

To Wes Alexander and his crew, our congratulations.

Somewhat behind the scenes was FOS. Operating all summer, they have carried out a successful program for the third consecutive year. This is even more remarkable when one considers FOS had no model with which to work because they are the only group of their type on this continent.

FOS had seminars throughout the summer. Out of these, Glen Sinclair, FOS director, thinks people ready to take part as campus leaders will emerge. We hope he is right.

To Glenn Sinclair and associates, our regards. We are only sad we couldn't give each group a hand.



How long can YOU tread water?

The trimester system the sooner the better

Everybody seems to be voicing opinions on the tri-semester form of university education and apparently it meets with general approval, among faculty and those students whose finances permit a continual program of education throughout the year.

One encouraging result of the program at the University of Guelph, to our way of thinking, is that the student is kept busy all year around and this, with few exceptions, keeps down the ridiculous demonstrations that one finds in many educational institutions.

This is one of the most important benefits, insofar as the taxpayer is concerned. With so much of the tax-money going into education, the sooner the student can be educated the better it is and the least waste of funds is most desirable.

It appears silly to us that persons being given an education at expense of the country should spend much of this time demonstrating against every conceivable matter, particularly those in which, usually, he has a woeful lack of information. The more a student is kept busy studying matters that are essential to his schooling the better it is, and the least objection a taxpayer can have.

Everywhere we find these young people, few of whom seem to have any idea of what it is all about, taking objection to matters of wide interest and we venture to say that they know little if anything about the situation. One group starts a protest against something in the hope of gaining publicity and when this is forthcoming the same matter is taken up by other youth groups throughout the world, in most cases simply as a "stunt". If the publicity is not forthcoming through

ordinary activities, they go out and damage property through demonstrations at certain buildings. Thoughtless are they of additional cost accrues to the taxpayers and to the prestige of the country.

The sooner the trimester system of education is made universal, the better it will be in the opinion of those who have to pay the shot for the reckless antics of certain youth. After they have been educated they would be better qualified to take sides in mature thinking, that is open to everyone.

One of the strangest demands by many of these young people is representation on university boards whose duty it is to see that the proper education of youth is achieved. This is something that many find most annoying in antics of university students. Soon we may have elementary school children demanding representation on the board of education so that they can be taught in the manner they, in their immature thinking, believe they should be learning.

The main advantage of the trimester system is that this allows the student to save a year of his life. He is able to get through graduate and professional programs much quicker and start earning money earlier, than under the normal university education system. Also, should a student find after one semester that he doesn't like the particular program he entered, he may enter another with the loss of only half a year.

Both student and society benefit from early graduation. These generally are benefits that more than offset the increased grants and borrowing. Students can begin full time careers a year earlier which will provide substantially more earnings than could be obtained through summer jobs.