

ASA struggles feebly onward

It's a long way down from 700 students to 10 students and ASA members wondered Wednesday what happened to the other 690 people.

There are 96 positions to be filled by students on faculty committees. The ASA is planning a mass meeting for sometime in mid-February for the purpose of electing students to these committees and ratifying

those students already sitting on various committees.

There were also several suggestions at Wednesday's meeting that speakers be sponsored by the ASA.

But, all in all, the general opinion is that the ASA does not have the popular support of arts students and its best course of action is to plan for a viable organization next year.

Res halls will be demolished

Athabasca, Assiniboia, and Pembina Halls will be torn down, the Board of Governors has decided.

Athabasca Hall will be the first of the 60-year old residences to go—probably before the end of the 1969-70 term. Assiniboia Hall will come down in 1972, and Pembina Hall sometime later.

The old buildings are fire hazards and required renovations would

cost an impractical amount, according to W. D. Neal, Vice-president of Campus Planning and Development.

A new student housing development will fill the space where the Halls now stand. It will accommodate about 600 single grad students and senior professional students, and be a social centre for all grad students.

"Water" hole hinges on vote

If the referendum Jan. 23 regarding SUB expansion is passed it will probably mean the speedy establishment of a pub in SUB.

The watering hole in question may take the form of a canteen if a students' union lobby to have the liquor laws in Alberta changed is successful.

A canteen is the type of drinking establishment now allowed to serve beer, liquor or wine. They are restricted to Armed Forces and RCMP barracks under the present regulations.

"It is the freest type of drinking establishment, much like a cab-

aret," said students' union president David Leadbeater.

Mr. Leadbeater and Dave Manning, public relations director for the union, have received \$300 to carry out a concerted lobbying campaign which will include discussions of proposed liquor act changes with provincial MLAs by mail and in person.

Students will also be encouraged to show their support through letters and/or meetings with their MLAs.

The next move for a pub in SUB will be the students on Jan. 23. The step after that will be the government.

University education isn't . . .

By ELLEN NYGAARD

Marshall McLuhan is a man who believes that education is education "as long as it is managed by students, with students, and for students."

This is Dr. Wilfred Watson's interpretation of Marshall McLuhan in a lecture presented by the Humanities and Philosophical Society Thursday evening in the Tory Turtle.

Dr. Watson began by describing the evolution of man from a "goal seeker" to a "goal creator" and "goal chooser" through the effects of technology and resultant "efficiency". But efficiency destroys perception, and perception is awareness.

Breakdown to breakthrough

Education should be a process leading from breakdown to breakthrough through dialogue. And dialogue is the only process by which this can be accomplished, says McLuhan.

"Jaques Ellul says that propaganda begins when dialogue ends. I talk back to media and set off on an adventure of exploration. I don't explain . . . I explore," says McLuhan.

"The metaphor is exploration.

The method is dialogue," added Dr. Watson.

This dialogue is the method of "opening the doors of perception" which should be the goal of education. The student must not be trained to be a goal-seeking hunter", an efficient researcher, said Dr. Watson.

This led to an explanation of the components of dialogue, that is, perception, exploration, pattern recognition, and finally breakthrough.

Environmental language

Pattern recognition is a function of the media, of the phenomenon called "environmental language." Environmental language is the "silent language" of the stimuli in our environment.

Environmental talk is all around us, said Dr. Watson. "The buildings say plenty. They say it often. This is what I've translated: university deans have no legs, they don't walk but drive around in heated cars."

"Marshall McLuhan's most explicit statement about environmental language refers to the newspaper. He sees the newspaper as an interaction between bad news and good news. The adver-

tisers offer us good news . . . balanced by an equal amount of bad news," said Dr. Watson.

He added that everybody and everything speaks environmental language, but few understand it.

And this is where education comes into play. Due to the "speed-up of information" education must consist of pattern recognition. An exploration using pattern recognition eventually leads to "every man becoming his own Captain Cook, when every man is an artist — and Marshall McLuhan insists that tribal-global man is such," said Professor Watson.

Exploration replaced

Eventually, exploration must be replaced by "dialogue", and "dialogue is the only means by which this sort of perception can be achieved," he said.

Dr. Watson concluded that "perception goes from fragmentation to integration. Marshall McLuhan perceives that university education takes us in the opposite direction."

And on that point, he agreed with the prophet of modern media, who remarked that there is more education outside the university walls than inside.

Evergreen & Gold begs for poetry

Inside was murdered. Edge sanctioned its own demise. And Pluck is somewhere, silent. But poetry is wanted by the Evergreen and Gold for an eight page section in the Yearbook.

Please submit typed contributions of any kind on any subject to the Yearbook office on the second floor of SUB. The deadline is tomorrow, Saturday.

Viet flick—Tory, Tues.

The Edmonton Committee to End the War in Vietnam will sponsor a showing of the highly-praised film, *In the Year of the Pig* Tuesday.

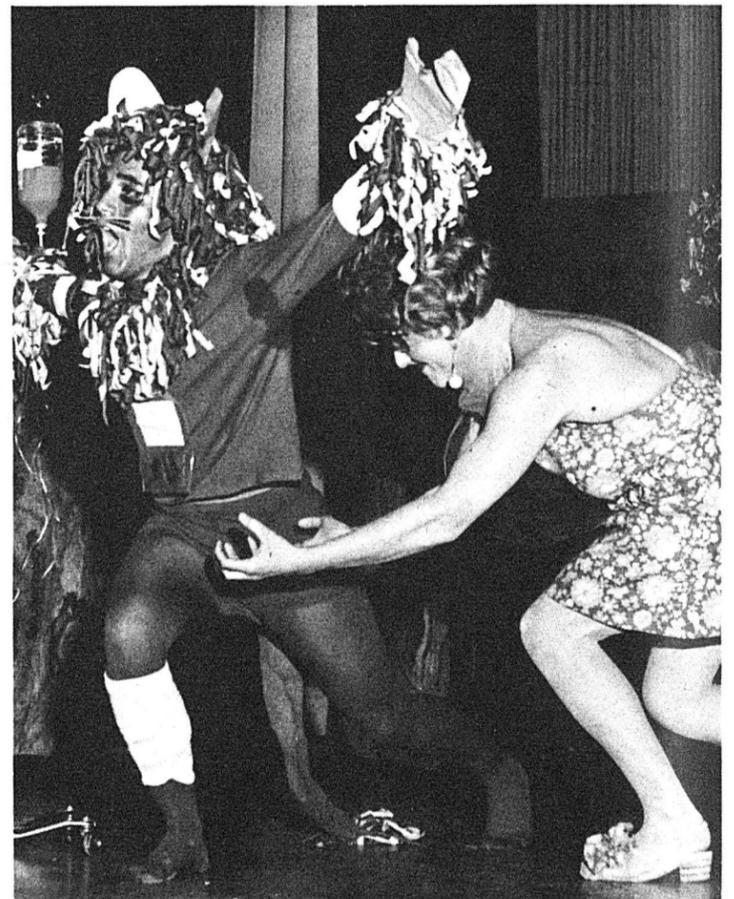
Director Emile de Antonio, considered a master of the documentary technique of implicit narration, has spliced together segments of newsreels taken in Vietnam over the past three decades. Together with interviews of politicians, journalists and combatants, he documents the development of the war as a brutal, dehumanized, and essentially imperialistic phenomenon.

In the Year of the Pig is thus a biased film, one that celebrates the long years of constant struggle the Vietnamese have endured for their freedom, and the horrors resulting from American involvement there. As the Guardian says in a review of the film, "every major figure of the last two decades whose words and actions have affected the reality of Vietnam is represented. No one speaks here for Lyndon Johnson or John Foster Dulles. They speak for themselves . . . they're all here and they are all lying."

The title of the film sets the tone maintained throughout. There is no Year of the Pig in the Chinese calendar, so the title is an oblique slap at French and American interferences in self-determination.

Propaganda or not, it is a brilliantly constructed film by a director of international reputation.

The film will be shown in TLB 11 at noon and 8 p.m. There is no admission, but contributions to help pay for the film showing will be accepted.



WELL, THE MED SHOW IS BACK AGAIN, for better or for worse, as long as we all shall live. The edifying scene above is a dramatic reading of the Wizard of Oz, in which (typically) the Medics have given the Cowardly Lion crabs and assorted other funnies. What Dorothy on the left is doing is open to conjecture, if anyone wants to be bothered. Such butchery should only happen to Med Students.

GFC committee opens meetings

The General Faculty Council committee on housing and food services decided Wednesday to open its meetings to the public and press.

All GFC committees received a letter from the GFC requesting them to decide whether or not they want their meetings open.

The housing and food services, first to do so, will publicize its agenda and allow anyone to attend if he informs the committee chairman, Professor L. C. Leitch in advance.

"The students' union naturally hopes that other committees will follow suit," said union treasurer and committee member Dennis Fitzgerald Wednesday.

President David Leadbeater, who is a student representative on GFC, wants open meetings to be compulsory. He feels that some committees will remain closed, especially those containing more staff than students.

The housing and food services committee consists of five students and four staff members.

GSA budget statement

Statements for Graduate Students' Association as presented at Association's Tuesday meeting. Graduates will be asked to pay a three dollar fee increase this year.

OFFICE	1968-69	1969-70 (10 months)	1970-71 (Estimate)
Secretary	\$ 361.00	\$1,083.00	\$1,900.00
Typewriter	48.00	477.00	
Office Supplies & Duplicating	353.00	592.00	850.00
City of Edmonton		116.00	125.00
Misc.	49.00	17.00	
	\$ 811.00	\$2,287.00	\$2,845.00
COUNCIL			
Coffee	\$ 50.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 55.00
Travel		65.00	600.00
	\$ 50.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 655.00
COMMITTEES			
Residence and Social Centre	\$ 24.00	\$ 138.00	\$1,500.00
Welcoming	598.00	574.00	700.00
Ed. Policy	216.00	35.00	
Student Affairs	10.00		100.00
	\$ 848.00	\$ 737.00	\$2,300.00
GRANTS			
Michener Park	\$ 200.00	\$ 326.00	
Other			200.00
	\$ 200.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$1,909.00	\$3,458.00	\$6,000.00
LESS			
Grants from Friends of the University	\$ 500.00		
Net Expenditure	\$1,409	\$3,458.00	\$6,000.00
		\$4,150.00	
		(12 mths)	
Approx. Income			
From Fees (\$2.00)	\$3,400.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,000.00
		(12 mths)	
Surplus (Approx.)	\$2,000.00	—\$ 350.00	—\$2,000.00