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STAFF THIS ISSUE—We had an awful bunch of people in the office Sunday but nothing seemed to get done so we had one of the longest press nights of the year. But those that came were Bernie Goedhart, Judy Samoil, Glenn Cheriton, Dennis Fitzgerald, Pat Mulka, Rich Vivone, Ken Hutchinson, Jim Muller, Bill Kankewitt, Bob Anderson, Frank Kozar, Dave Applewhaite, Pat Hidson, Reg Moncrieff, Mike Boyle, Hiroto Saka, Judy LaMarsh, Ima Kite (predicted high for today) and the ever faithful, hard working, courageous, unthinking, dull-witted, senile serpent, yours truly Harvey G. Thomgirt.

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what about now?

Treasurer Phil Ponting is to be commended for his questioning at Friday's council hot-seat of the relevance of the students' union.

We agree that in its present form, the students' council, including the executive members, does not reflect the thinking of the students.

It was nice of Marilyn Pilkington to rise to the defence of the establishment.

But we, as well as many other students on campus, are getting tired of hearing about the glories of the past—about how great and democratic our withdrawal from CUS was and about how solid a tradition of conservative-thinking leaders we have.

What we want to hear about and see is now and what our executive is doing now to make itself relevant to the needs and interests of every student on this campus.

The present system of representation on council does nothing to solve the problem of insufficient feedback from the student population. It is doubtful that many of the councillors ever make any concerted effort to find out what sort of thinking is going on among the people

whom they represent. According to a Gateway sample survey taken earlier this year, less than one-third of the students even know who is representing them.

And anyone who has ever sat in on a council meeting knows that very often the councillors don't even know how they, themselves, feel about a particular issue. It is very easy for the few councillors with an opinion and an ability to talk to sway the votes of the entire council.

With such obvious shortcomings, it is difficult to understand how anyone can say confidently that the students' council does a good job of representing student opinion.

But, from what happened Friday, it seems apparent that certain members of the executive believe so deeply that they are doing the only right thing that they deem it unnecessary to discuss or even acknowledge a suggestion that perhaps the organization is not perfect.

We commend the man who made the suggestion and wish him and anyone else who thinks like he does all power to change the way things are.

time to co-operate

The graduate students should accept full membership in the students' union.

There is no reason why the Faculty of Graduate Studies should not have one representative on students' council just as every other faculty and school does.

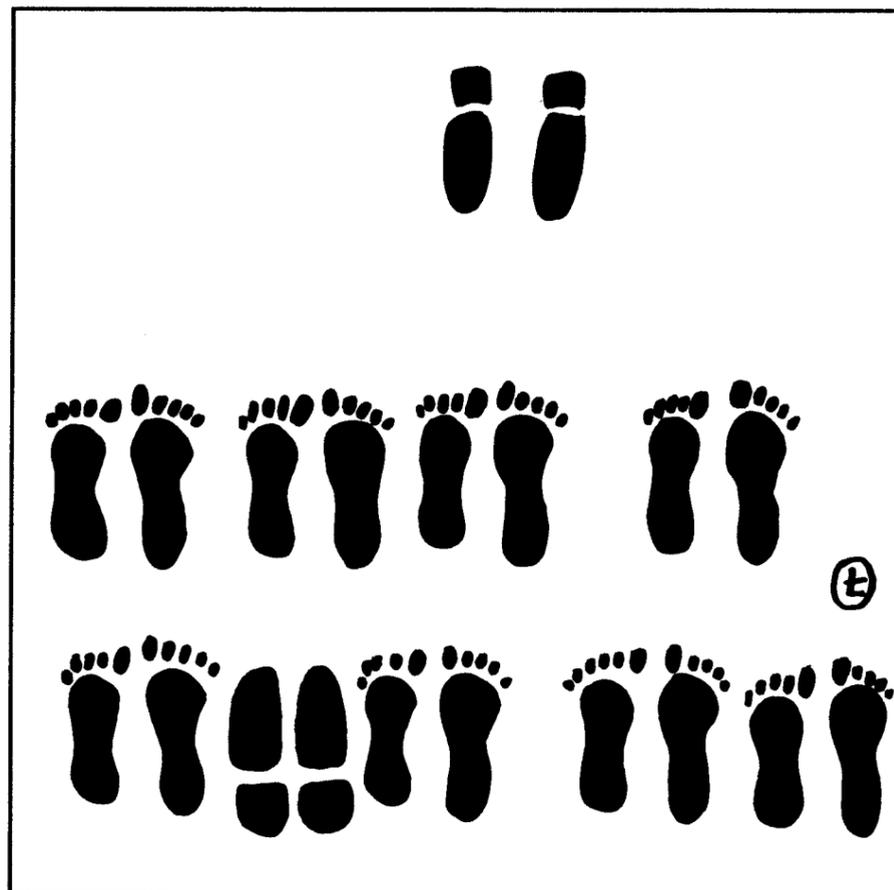
True, the faculty represents a large range of interests, but so do the larger faculties of arts and science. A certain cohesive force within the arts faculty is being attempted with the establishment of the Arts Council. A similar graduate students' club could be set up for the purpose of consolidating graduate student opinion on issues which the grad representative would vote on in council.

The degree of independence which the grad students would like

to retain could be granted by allowing them to keep a voice on the General Faculty Council, COSA and various other committees. It could simply be written into the students' union constitution that one of the student representatives to the GFC must be a grad student. This way, their ideas—often, because of their academic position, more valuable than those of the undergraduate population—would not be lost.

Undergraduates and graduate students together could probably go a lot further in projects such as student residences than either one could alone.

It is time for co-operation between the two groups, and we hope grad students will think of the benefits when they vote in their referendum.



i have been informed that one of you has not yet paid his fees!

rich vivone so much to think about

Some people ask where I get the time to do so much writing. The answer is simple and unique. Just ask the professors who lead discussions in Math 404, English 380 and 383 and two other courses and, after examining the mid-term exam results, they will rise and unanimously agree that they know where my time is spent.

I was driving home several nights ago and listening to the radio and dreaming—all simultaneously. It was good. Then the announcer began talking about the warship (auxiliary ship or spy ship—as your tastes dictate) captured by the North Koreans. He said the U.S.A. would consider armed aggression to get the boat back. Maybe even nuclear arms. Another story reported that the one sure way to get rid of the reign of terror in Greece was by guerrilla warfare.

It would be nice to have a world with just Vietnam.

But for deterrents to current thoughts, here are some potshots contrived during a lecture, while watching Camelot and while in the company of HER.

It has been said that to do a great right, first do a great wrong. Maybe that's why the world is in such great shape.

I sympathize with students who live at home and attend university. It seems to me that this prevents the student from obtaining much of what an education is all about.

People confuse love and sex because few have experienced both.

There was a time when we used the term 'beautiful' to describe women. Now it is used to describe red Mustang convertibles.

I have a difficult time forgetting the scene in Doctor Zhivago in which the radical shouts "I am a free man". Then, with hands chained, he is led away.

An example of the infinite wisdom of Orson Welles—gluttony is the

least of the seven deadly sins because it is the most obvious.

With the accent towards youth dominating the national political scene, it is nice to know that no matter who wins the Liberal nomination and opposes Mr. Stanfield in a federal election, the next Prime Minister will have been born in the 20th Century.

Tell the truth and few believe what they hear. Tell lies and your listeners become believers.

Dostoyevski sends this message. Don't lie to yourself. A man who lies to himself and who listens to his own lies gets to a point where he can't distinguish any truth in himself or in those around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. Having no respect for anyone, he ceases to love, and to occupy and distract himself without love he becomes a prey to his passions and gives himself up to coarse pleasures, and sinks to bestiality in his vices.

Lack of success is rarely considered a sin. It's the lack of effort that seals a man's fate.

I made the mistake of saying that a person with a master's degree is educated. A friend corrected the statement and said that a person with a master's degree has a degree.

It's strange that we find fiction in Hansard, fantasy in the movies and the truth in Gulliver's Travels.

Students at university spend so much time trying to live up to university and social standards that they fail to live up to their own standards.

Some years ago, a girl told me that there were three types of girls at the University of Alberta. She said they were neurotics, social climbers and husband hunters. Until recently, I was sure she was correct.

Students, especially in the east, are clamoring for something they call Student Power. Just what it is and how it effects this university will be the subject of Friday's column.