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**STAFF THIS ISSUE:**—Our ex-engineer-loving staffer has informed me short dresses are in for this week's res Christmas Banquet. Staffers on Tuesday for the third-to-last paper before the Christmas exodus were Andy Rodger, Jan Sims, Sheila Ballard, J. Fraser Smith, Gloria Skuba, Lorraine Allison, Ralph Melnychuk, Suzette Lipnicki, Brad Willis, Dexter Harker, Carol MacKenzie, Dave Wright, Marion Conybeare, Richard Vivone, Neil Driscoll, The Whistler, Marilyn Fix, Mary Lou Taylor, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt. The Gateway is published twice weekly by the students' union of the University of Alberta. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for all material published herein. Final copy deadline (including short items): for Wednesday edition—7 p.m. Sunday: advertising—4:30 p.m. Thursday; for Friday edition—7 p.m. Tuesday, advertising—4:30 p.m. Monday. Advertising Manager: Alex Hardy. Office phone—433-1155. Circulation—8,300. Authorized as second-class mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, and for payment of postage in cash. Postage paid at Edmonton.

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## where's that action program?

Dale Enarson, Education Action Committee chairman, has been forced to carry out a responsibility which belongs to other students, members of Students' Council and the local Canadian Union of Students committee. He is being asked to carry out the expansive education program approved in September by the CUS national congress. His committee has been formed by those who have forgotten their responsibility to the students of this, and many generations to come.

Upon his shoulders lies the responsibility delegated by those who are too lazy to carry out some honest research into the problems of post-secondary education in Alberta. The CUS Congress approved an ambitious, sweeping program of research which its members are mandated to carry out to the best of their ability.

The concept of universal accessibility to post-secondary education has been adopted with an eye toward eliminating ALL social and financial barriers to that education. CUS decided to determine whether those barriers do in fact exist before making any further pronouncements in the education field.

At this university, there has been a disgraceful failure to carry out the CUS program. This newspaper will not attach any blame in the matter; the individuals responsible are those who have chosen to delegate their responsibility to Mr. Enarson's committee. They are the persons who were "too busy" with other things to care.

They are the persons who forgot that National Student Day was merely a neon-lit attempt to focus public attention on the subject of universal accessibility. They are the persons who forget an editorial The Gateway ran on October 27, 1965—National Student Day.

We reprint that editorial today—not in an effort to fill space—but to remind some of you who may have forgotten it:

"Today is National Student Day.

"This "day of awareness" is part of a long-range plan by the Cana-

dian Union of Students to achieve universal accessibility to higher education.

"It is part of a plan to eliminate all social and economic barriers to post-secondary education. To this end, CUS has recommended a program including the study of the economic implications of free education, a study of summer employment opportunities and student earning power, the improvement of existing student aid schemes and the maximum utilization of both public and private sectors of university finances.

"The program also includes a study of the social reasons why students possessing the ability to continue their education do not do so, community conferences on education, comparative socio-economic studies of rural and urban communities, and increased student participation in social welfare programs and other areas of social concern.

In short, it is a program that will help us realize the full educational potential of Canadian youth.

"With adequate student participation, this day can form a solid base for the success of the whole plan. But the fact that the plan is a long-range one, a plan for the next twenty year, has been overlooked on this campus.

"Students have not been told National Student Day is just the first step in this plan. They have been led to believe all they have to do to achieve universal accessibility, to arouse total public sympathy for their cause, is to march today.

"Council members who talk of arousing them to a fever pitch for this day alone, or who say that they have done their part and their responsibilities are now finished, contribute to the mistaken belief that the fight is now over. Students' Council, for its part, has made few provisions to carry the education or action program beyond today.

"The importance of the concept of universal accessibility is so great, the consequences of misinformation or inactions so serious, that council should act immediately to ensure the whole program is carried out diligently."

The editorial was entitled: "just the first step."

Need we say more to those who should be volunteering to carry out the program in question?



"while the vatican talks about birth control, we wait."

## yankee go home

by bruce ferrier

**"The survival of an independent government in South Vietnam is so important to the security of all southeast Asia and to the free world that we must be prepared to take all necessary measures within our capability to prevent a Communist victory."**

—Robert S. McNamara

**"Our purpose in Vietnam is to join in the defense and protection of freedom of a brave people who are under attack that is controlled and directed from outside their country."**

—Lyndon Johnson

**"The American tendency is to view any war in which we might be involved not as a means of achieving limited objectives . . . but as a struggle to the death between total virtue and total evil."**

—George Kennan, New York Times

The Vietnam war, unlike the more simple-minded versions of mass destruction of human life, torture, and general depravity popular earlier in this century, has succeeded in rousing at least a portion of right-thinking people in the United States and elsewhere to action.

What partially redeemed the character of the First and Second World Wars and permitted such slogans as "Make the world safe for democracy" to take precedence over "Love thy neighbor," was a pale tint of morality and reason.

The war in Vietnam is an utterly unwarranted, indefensible, immoral, self-interested, illegal, unjust, and dishonest attempt by the United States of America to impose its political and economic philosophy on an Asian nation embroiled in internal conflict.

What began as a civil disturbance, soon to be resolved by free elections and a Communist victory, has become a bloody war of international character, dedicated to the preservation of United States interests in an area where it has no moral or political right to interfere.

The Vietnam war is an invitation to world anarchy. If the United States is allowed to intervene wherever and whenever it feels its interests threatened, what is to prevent China or Russia doing the same?

The United States' bombing of North Vietnam is an act of international war, and only the moral blindness of its citizens has allowed such an act to go unquestioned.

On the world scene, American propagandists attempt a defense of their country's mangled honor by reference to the chimerical horrors of a "Communist tyranny." The bitter truth is that no Communist government could inflict more suffering on the Vietnamese people than the United States' war already has.

Within the United States, hate propaganda and anti-Communist fanaticism are destroying what vestiges of civil liberties and democratic ideals still remained after McCarthyism laid waste the country.

The speculation that an Asian war might bring about the collapse of democracy in the United States would have been laughed off the stage a few years ago; now Johnson's version of "consensus" makes it a horrifying possibility.

And the absurd irony of it all is that the destruction, loss of life, and misery of the Vietnam war is, we are told, in defense of "liberty," "freedom," and "democracy."