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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Help! We need people, and how we need them. Somehow or other we managed to turn out the first edition of the year with only a handful of loyal die-hards: Chuck Lyall, Ronald Yakimchuk, Jack Segal, Hugh Hoyles, and your ever-lovin' blue-eyed snake, Harvey.

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a tight fit?

Director of housing and food services Derek Bone, in commenting on the housing situation for university students this year, has said the rates for off-campus housing have gone up more than the rates for university residences.

This, Mr. Bone, is a simple economic fact of life. It is entirely the prerogative of landlords to raise and/or lower their rents according to the law of supply and demand.

But, what about supply and demand for on-campus housing?

According to Mr. Bone, the waiting list for residence in Lister Hall is not long—only about 500 students.

Since when are 500 homeless students not a serious matter? General opinion among students on campus is that the housing situation is crucial.

With nearly 100 per cent occupancy of all apartment blocks in the city and students squeezed into every possible corner of basements in the Garneau area, the housing situation can only be described as grave.

ave. And the administration seems to have done very little to solve or alleviate the problem.

The married student housing project, scheduled for completion this month, is only half-finished. While rents are fairly reasonable, and the project is a good thing, many families have been inconvenienced by the delay until January or February.

It would seem that some kind of impasse between the university administration and the members of the co-operative housing committee was reached this summer, thereby marring the success of the co-op housing project which was to have been run this year on a larger scale.

The third tower of the Lister Hall complex has finally begun, but this, too, is long overdue.

It is obvious members of the administration have not had to pore over the classified ads or comb south Edmonton searching for a place to live, as have hundreds of students in the last month.

If they had, perhaps the administration's involvement in campus housing would extend beyond an annual announcement of a fee hike for Lister Hall residents.

come alive - you're in sub

The new students' union building, unlike last year's new Henry Marshall Tory building, is not an abortion.

Rather, it is a \$6 million pile of question marks.

Designed by students, for students, the building will need a lot of organization and explanation before its vast empty hallways and cold, unfriendly activity areas begin to swarm with enthusiastic students.

The organizers of SUB opening days, Oct. 2-14, have a huge task in acquainting the entire student population with all aspects of the building and in answering hundreds of questions.

Questions like:

- Why is all the carpet in the whole
- building blue?
 Are all the unsightly concrete pillars going to be left?
- Will there ever be air-
- conditioning?Who picked the colors for the chairs in Wauneita Lounge?

 And, why is it that, despite the \$6 million expenditure, some of the fixtures still look cheap?

Everyone involved with the building and the opening days stresses the need for students to come in and make the building "come alive".

And, there is certainly something in the building to interest everyone.

The building is well-designed, and although it is still too early to see areas such as the games complex in full operation, it promises to be functional as well.

The numerous combinations of sizes of the meeting rooms and cafeteria facilities are the answer to years of problems of simply not having enough room for student activities.

In most aspects of the building, the enthusiasm of the opening committee members is justified.

So come in, look around, ask questions. It's your students' union building; all it needs is students.



welcome frosh

jim rennie

a word to the wise

It is time to welcome another horde of bright, eager-beaver students to our campus.

If you are one of these freshmen, you have come to our Halls of Learning seeking more than just Knowledge.

We hope you have come seeking Wisdom and Truth.

We hope you have come for an education.

Every year at this time words of advice and guidance pour forth from faculty, seniors and other assorted sages. While you have probably heard it all before, and won't heed the message, it is an important one.

It is important not just to you, but to all students.

If you want an education it is up to you, and you alone, to get it.

Perhaps you expect those omniscient professors you have heard all about to inspire you to seek out the secrets of the universe.

Don't bet on it.

True, some are gifted teachers. But many are just dull lecturers, and some are even a bit stupid.

They are just men, and to most of them teaching is just a livelihood, not a divine calling.

Maybe you expect one of the miriad fascinating courses to hold you spellbound and enraptured, but this too is unlikely.

Too many are "Mickey Mouse" and have nothing to offer but credits.

It is impossible to become interested in a subject that is only sketchily outlined, and slanted by a narrow-minded lecturer.

You will lose interest in the subject quickly and then be free to pursue university's noblest art—staying awake in class.

Undoubtedly you also view the university as a place to further develop

as social beings, living and working with other people, and learning how to get along in a social society.

But teenybopper dances and drunks every week don't really build character, and the total uninvolvement of most students serves only to hide unpleasant realities of life.

There was a time when a useful career could be found for an individual, but those days seem past.

Today, industry has the openings, and students are more and more being fitted into the slots. The idea of a vocation or calling has been replaced by the "job-as-a-necessary-evil" concept. The fact that universities are becoming impersonal multiversities has only added to the problem.

Like it or not, universities are degree mills. Only you can give yourself an education.

It isn't easy to wade through the trivial, the irrelevant and the untrue, and come up with something resembling truth.

But it can be done.

Take the advice you will undoubtedly receive this week, and use it wisely

Education is a continuous process of growth and learning. You must work and experiment. You must study, observe, participate, and above all, never be afraid to question.

Question everything you see, hear and experience.

You will find that university is more than just classes, and more than just clubs, games and parties.

University is life.

Most students leave here after a few years with little to show for it except a piece of old sheepskin.

Will you be one of the lucky few to leave with something of real value, an education?