



**NOW I WONDER WHAT THIS IS?**—Aw, now it's starting to come in clearly thanks to this super magnifying glass. Yes this sample shows that the average education student has an IQ greater than  $34\frac{3}{4}$ . Once again the great mind of the science student has revealed some significant fact about the education student.

## Union needs revamping Pilkington tells students at election rally

President-elect Marilyn Pilkington told an election rally Tuesday the students' union, designed for 3,000 students, needs revamping.

She said the union has failed to progress enough to be adequate for the present membership of 14,000.

Pilkington said the student government needs to become more efficient and representative before

it can become effective in other areas.

Last year Pilkington was a member of the re-organization committee that recommended changes in the students' council executive. Formerly there were only four executive positions, including a secretary-treasurer. There is now both a secretary and a treasurer. The powers of the vice-president,

who was formerly chief university tea pourer, have been greatly expanded.

Pilkington also said students should "have a voice in decisions affecting the quality of education" they receive.

The students' union will seek representation on curriculum planning committees, faculty councils and the Board of Governors.

The union needs a stronger role in matters that affect the student needs, she said.

Development, in the form of a more sophisticated Alberta Association of Students, is needed on the provincial level, she said.

The AAS could become an effective and powerful lobby on the provincial legislature, particularly when matters of tuition fees come up, she said.

It would also serve to help junior colleges and other post-secondary institutions in the province develop autonomous student governments.

On the national level there should be more co-operation between students' unions, she added. "We must re-examine the Canadian Union of Students and continue to exert pressure to reform it," she said.

But students must participate and contribute their ideas if the students' union is to be effective, Pilkington concluded.

## Richard Needham visits U of A

Richard J. Needham, editorial page columnist of the Toronto Globe and Mail, will visit this campus Monday.

The popular journalist will be in The Gateway office (282 SUB) from 10 a.m. Monday to noon. At noon, Mr. Needham will meet with Professor Kemp's Philosophy of Art class in TB 87 and all visitors are welcome.

At 2:30 p.m., he will speak to Professor Cohen's Philosophy of Civilization class in TB 95 and visitors are welcome.

At 8 p.m., he will speak in TB 45 and the topic will be Canada-Retrospect and Prospect.

March 10, Mr. Needham will speak at 8 p.m. and the location will be on the tv monitor of SUB.

Mr. Needham has been regarded as the Canadian Mark Twain who, by means of satire, fable and fairy tale, lays bare the discrepancy between the actuality and the idea. One of his prime targets is the education system and, of it, he wrote 'school is mainly a place where you follow meaningless procedures to get meaningless answers to meaningless questions'.

He has also written that 'the worst dropouts I encounter are the ones taking up space in the high schools and universities.'

## Three positions at stake in today's general election

### SUB rally starts candidates campaigning for three vacant students' council seats

U of A students started casting votes and getting ID cards punched today in the 61st students' union general election.

On a campus ostensibly filled with activists three of the five students' council executive positions, including the president's, were filled by acclamation.

In the big race of the day Peter Amerongen, eng 4, David Leadbeater, arts 3, and Mitchell Wise, arts 2, were all contesting the vice-presidential seat.

The three, speaking at an election rally in SUB theatre Tuesday, said how they thought the students' union should be run and what it should do.

They spoke on topics ranging from representation on the Board of Governors to the Alberta Association of Students and a plan that would allow students to deduct the cost of texts on their income tax.

In the other executive election, Cathy Elias, law 1, and Sandy Young, phys ed 3, are contesting the position of students' union secretary.

Also to be elected is the president of men's athletics. Garnet Cummings, phys ed 3, will be seeking re-election against Lawrence Kolmatycki, arts 3.

In the presidential election last year, 5,395 persons cast votes. None were expected vote this year because Marilyn Pilkington, arts 4,

gained office by acclamation.

Other offices filled by acclamations were treasurer, Mike Edwards, comm 2, and co-ordinator, Don McKenzie, arts 2.

In the vice-presidential election

a preferential ballot is being used. Voters are asked to put a "1" beside the name of their first choice, and a "2" beside their second choice. A voter doesn't have to mark a second choice.

## Personnel booklet tells all about students' union clubs

Politics or pottery, religion or radio broadcasting—there is a students' union club for almost any interest.

And the personnel board of the union has just published a 43-page booklet outlining all activities offered by its clubs.

"We wanted to tell students there is a wide variety of things in which they can be involved, for which experience is not necessary," said students' union vice-president Judy Lees. Lees is a member of personnel board.

"Anybody can apply, and they can apply for more than one position," she explained.

"We want to reach all kinds of students who right now are not involved."

The booklet, which contains application forms for positions listed in it, is being distributed through university residences, by the deans of men and women, by faculty reps on council and in the libraries.

"Some professors who are close to students are handing them out,

too. What we want is personal contact," said Lees.

More than 600 students will be placed by personnel board in key positions in clubs and organizations. Many students' union groups have an open membership—Varsity Guest Weekend takes hundreds of workers, for example.

Compiling the book took two months, and involved interviews with heads of all campus organizations.

Another booklet has been prepared for the personnel board which must select applicants for leading positions in organizations. This book is detailed and includes suggestions for desirable traits in applicants.

"The detailed booklet should give an insight into the kind of temperament needed for chairmen of different clubs," said Lees. "We have also recommended present chairmen sit on the personnel board to help us make decisions when their clubs come up."

"We just want to involve people," she said.

## Anderson asks for assistance in battle against fee increase

Students' union president Al Anderson appealed to the general student body Tuesday for assistance to keep tuition fees at their present level.

The president nervously told an election rally audience of about 600 "to write your MLA's and write your parents to write their MLA's" protesting the approved increase.

Anderson, who received a loud "boo" from co-ordinator Glenn Sinclair as he crossed the stage to the speakers podium, said "there is a 50 per cent chance we will succeed in having the fees maintained at this year's level."

The students' union is establishing a lobby in the legislature to bring pressure when the provincial education budget is debated.

The budget is to be brought down tonight at 8 p.m.

The budget debate on the education allotment including the universities' operating budgets, is not expected until later this month.

Anderson said copies of the brief presented to the Board of Governors before the fee increase, have been mailed to all the province's

newspapers, radio and television stations in the hope public support can be acquired to keep the tuition fees down.

Letters will also be sent to the MLA's with separate ones going to Premier E. C. Manning and education minister Ray Reiersen, said Anderson.

## Fitzgerald, Porter elected to council

Dennis Fitzgerald, sci 2, and Ken Porter, arts 2, were elected science and arts representatives to students' council last week.

Fitzgerald defeated Wayne Hallyburton, sci 3, 182 votes to 44. There were 10 spoiled ballots.

The other election was not decided until the second ballot. On the first ballot Porter had 221 votes to 166 for John Bradshaw, arts 2, and 122 for Dan Mercer, arts 1.

On the second ballot Porter received 82 and Bradshaw 23.

There were 93 ballots spoiled. Greg Berry, ed 2, became education rep last week also by acclamation.