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STAFF THIS ISSUE—A few of the faithful appeared to help put out the 38th paper of the year, we now have only 12 to go, Yeah! Those that came include Marilyn Astle, Marg Bolton, Pat Hidson, Marcia McCallum, Bob Schmidt, Jim Muller, Bernie Goedhart, Bill Kankewitt, Bob Anderson, Gerry Buccini, Pat Mulka, Glenn Cheriton, Judy Lamarsh, Dennis Fitzgerald, Alex Ingram, Miriam McClellan, Bev Bayer, Frank Kozar, Theo Bruseker, Ken Hutchinson, Hiroto Saka, John Doe, George Doe, Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Hound, Yogi Finn, Super Sperm, and the ever faithful, nauseated, yours truly Harvey Thomgirt.

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there's no excuse

There seems to us to be little justification for an increase in rent rates in the Michener Park married student housing complex.

Late in July, 1965, the provincial cabinet gave approval in principle to construction of married student housing facilities—originally designed to provide low-cost housing at rates of \$85 per month for a two-bedroom apartment.

This fall, after construction delays and disagreements between the students, the university and the government, people moved into the almost-completed complex and began paying around \$110 for a two-bedroom apartment with secretive warnings from Derek Bone that the rates would probably have to go up.

Obviously, someone has forgotten why those residences were built—to provide reasonably-priced housing for married students, as close as possible to the university.

Mr. Bone told students' council Monday the increase is necessary to keep the building running on a break-even basis.

There are dozens of apartment blocks in the city charging similar or even lower rates, as was confirmed by some of the councillors. And the people who run these places aren't operating on a break-even basis; they're making a far from meagre profit on the buildings.

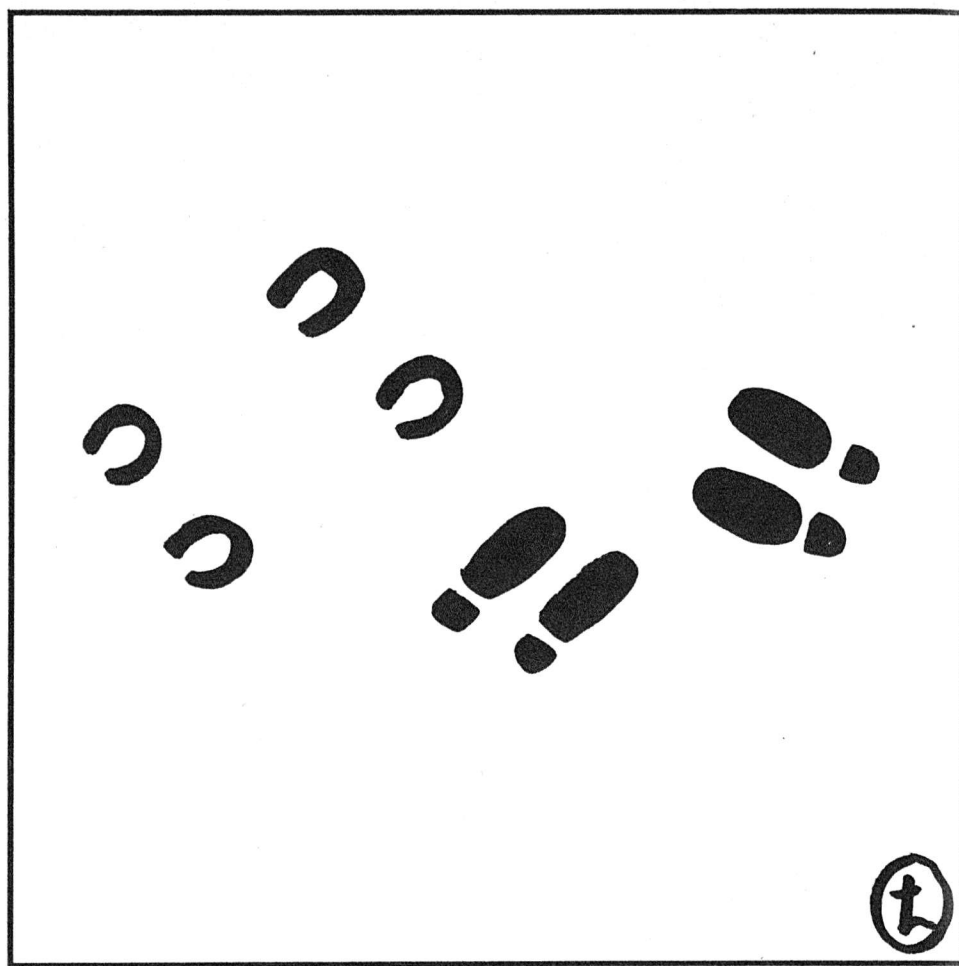
It might be, as Mr. Bone suggested, that there is more floor space in the Michener Park apartments, and the design of the whole thing is supposed to be more aesthetically pleasing than some of the cardboard-and-rubber cement inverted shoeboxes built by private developers.

But, one question arises: do the married students want niceties if it's going to cost them a small fortune? The married student with a dependent wife and two small children wants a place where he can live comfortably but inexpensively until he finishes school; he does not necessarily need carpeting on the stairways, janitorial services, or a \$130 view of South Edmonton.

It seems married student housing has run aground on the same problem Lister Hall students are facing in their current fight against a residence fee hike—they're being charged for extras they would rather do without.

An increase of \$21 in rates for Michener Park apartments will affect the decisions of many families to live in the complex next year. Something is wrong somewhere when a presumably low-cost housing development charges such exorbitant prices that it drives people away.

The married students should start demanding some answers.



it may not solve the parking problem, but it sure starts easy in cold weather!

another angle

Nobody knows for sure if tuition fees are going up next year, but students' council executive is sure enough of the odds that they're currently working on what they hope will be the best brief they've ever written.

no way

There are bad students' council meetings, and there are unbelievable students' council meetings.

But, things have to be progressing beyond either of these categories when we get, as we did Monday night, the representative of the Faculty of Law saying, "Why don't we get rid of all this legal-sounding jargon so it will be easier to understand?"

So far, the fight appears to be against the provincial government for not making enough money available for university spending.

However, Brian McDonald's quotations of comparative operating costs per student at other universities opens up another avenue for dissent.

It probably sounds good for the university and the province to say "We spend more money on each student than you do; our young people are getting better and more personalized education."

But, if tuition is going to have to go up to continue the level of per-student spending, maybe we don't want such "personalized" service.

And maybe our fight is partially against the university for not cutting its proposed operating budget as much as it could have.

a little at a time

By RICH VIVONE

The universities in the East, especially Quebec, are gunning for something called Student Power. In a recent issue of Star Weekly (January 13), students from McGill University and Sir George Williams University, both of Montreal, say they want 'to run the joint'. No matter what they have now, the story goes, the ultimate reality will be to have total control of the university.

The student leaders at these institutions make it quite clear that they want total control, over the bodies that decide university policy. That's what they want. That's also what they are not going to get or deserve to get.

First, consider total control of the university. From this seat, it is apparent that students are not mature enough to run the university in any cap-

acity at all. They have not indicated interest in student affairs to merit total control. To wit: the CUS referendum last year. The turnout was disgraceful. It also indicates an 'I don't care' attitude, or maybe an 'I don't know' attitude.

More realistically, let's consider what has been accomplished at the University of Alberta regarding the second alternative—a voice in the policy making.

The people who make the decisions at this university are members of the General Faculty Council (GFC). This council is 'responsible for the academic affairs of the university' and its members include the university president, dean of each faculty, director of each school, the registrar, elected members and THREE students.

This latter selection is in its first year because never before have students sat on this council. The students have full

rights as members of the council. They can introduce issues, debate them and vote on them—exactly as any other member.

The three student members are Marilyn Pilkington, Al Anderson and Jan Vaneldik. Miss Pilkington was elected students' council vice-president in 1966-67. Students' council is a body of students elected by the students.

Mr. Anderson is the current students' council president. He too was elected by the students. Mr. Vaneldik was Graduate Student Association president last year.

They achieved GFC status this way. Each applied to students' council for the position. As usual, each was interviewed by the personnel board which is composed of students and, again, interviewed by students' council.

Any student on campus can apply for these positions. All you need is the

necessary brains to know there are such jobs waiting for the student who cares how the place is run. At the University of Alberta, these people are in the definite minority and, in cases, may be counted on one hand.

Thus far, these three people have convinced GFC to set up an Academic Grievance Committee, to sanction course evaluation guides and, currently, are presenting to the GFC the arguments against raising tuition fees.

Some may say this isn't too much.

Maybe not. But it's something we've never had before. Now we must show sufficient maturity and initiative to show that we can handle this power. If we do this, we may gain more seats on GFC.

It boils down to Student Power—at first signs. All we have to show is that we are capable.