

ASA meeting: disappointment

Not enough reps to sit on General Arts Faculty Council

by Dan Jamieson

The Arts Students' Association met with disappointment Thursday in its bid to place students in key positions within the faculty.

The Faculty of Arts administration has accepted the principle of parity on all committees except the tenure and promotions committee, and has asked the ASA to find 72 students to fill the positions thus made available.

A general plenary session for the purpose of filling the posts drew only 100 students, most of whom didn't stay for the entire meeting, out of an enrollment of 3,500. The plenary was woefully short of the required 72 representatives needed to fill the General Arts Faculty Council and 12 of its committees. Only 57 students came forward to take on the more important positions, leaving the ASA short 15 students on 12 committees, including the Library Committee and the Election Procedures Committee.

The ASA will try to fill the positions at its next regular Wednesday evening plenary session.

"I was really disappointed with the turnout," said Andy von Busse, ASA president.

It was suggested during the course of the meeting that the meeting be cancelled until further publicity could be mounted, however that motion was defeated when it was pointed out that almost \$400 had gone into letters

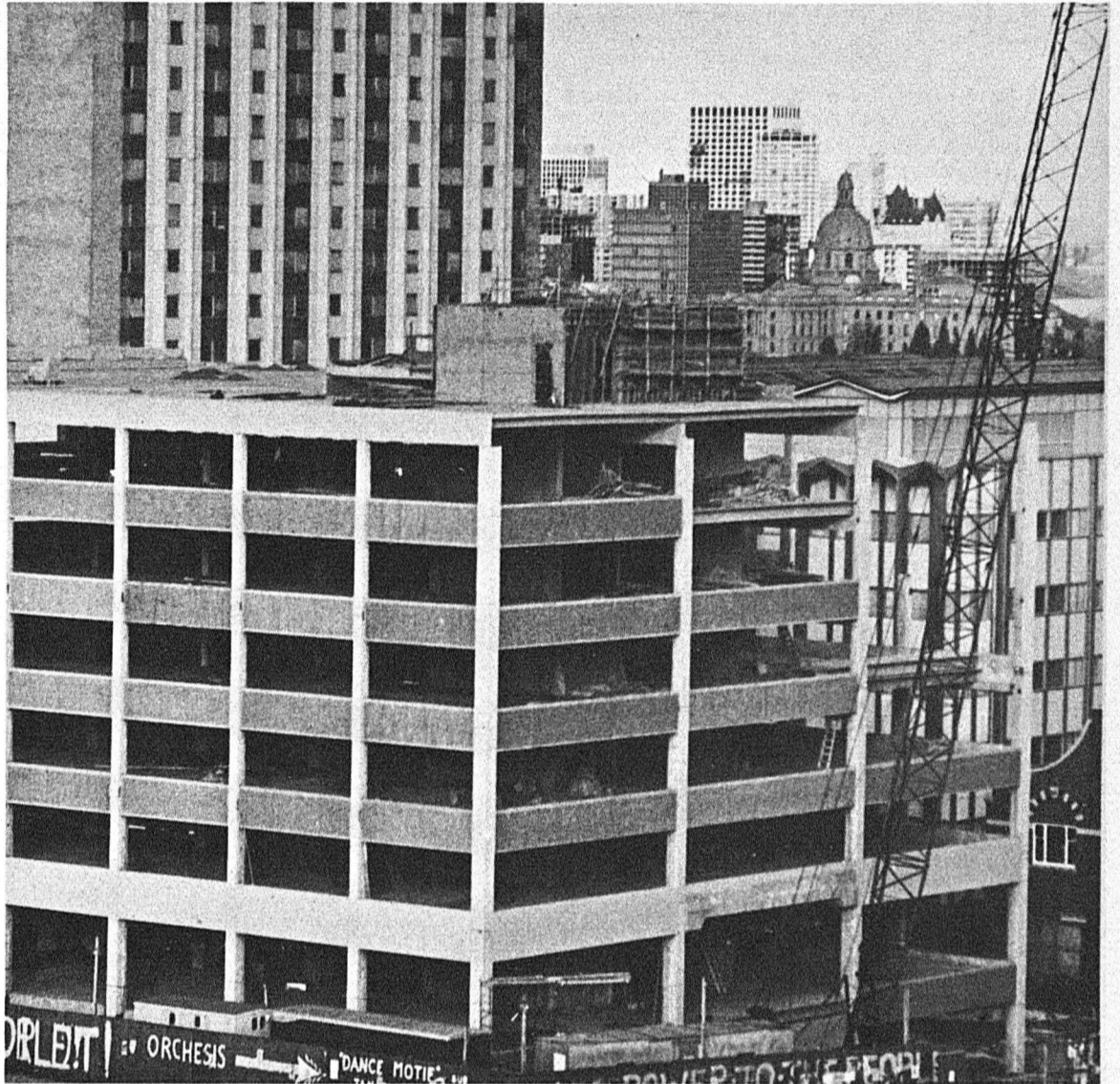
to all the arts students on campus and advertisements in The Gateway.

The crowd was so disappointing that the arts representatives to students' council could not even find it in their hearts to stay for the entire session, leaving half-way through the meeting.

The proceedings were not well handled according to several of the people present, and one member of the gallery charged that the proceedings were an "absolute farce," and accused the chairman of using railroad tactics.

"He avoided calling a vote on anything that was liable to get complicated, rail-roading people . . . into important positions," she said after the meeting.

Though complaints of this type were common during a gripe session held after the appointments, the general consensus was that the ten or so people who had given of their time and effort had done as good a job as possible in organizing and carrying out the meeting.



—Marie Stephenson photo

THE CENTRAL ACADEMIC BUILDING will cost \$2,574,000 and is slated for completion in September. The six-floor structure will house a cafeteria on the lower floor, classrooms immediately above that and upper floors will be taken over by such departments as math and commerce.

Grad Students' Association not dead yet: President and council save it from death

By Elsie Ross

The GSA is alive and breathing, at least for now.

Bob Newell, GSA president, had considered the dissolution of the association. He had thought of this move because the organization lacked not only membership support but representative support as well.

In a letter of February 11 to the GSA Council members Mr. Newell inquired if they felt that the council was worth continuing. Fifty per cent of the replies which he received advocated continuing the association.

Now, the GSA has its own separate council independent of the students' union. Out of the 45 eligible departments for GSA council, there are 40 representatives.

Doug Mustard, the Educational Foundations rep on GSA council, feels, however, that it should dissolve. He says in a letter to Mr. Newell that dissolving the GSA would remove some of the organizational duplication which has produced more committees

than there are students to fill them. The move would also help remove the status distinction between graduates and undergraduate students.

Traditionally the GSA council has been more conservative in many areas than the present students' council.

It was GSA council which called for a motion postponing a day-care centre while students' council encouraged the centre.

In October, Steve Hardy the GSA rep on the Law and Order Committee, disagreed with the GSA council's stand on the committee and subsequently resigned.

Another example of the GSA's stand in important issues came just recently in the Ted Kemp case. While students' council strongly supported Ted Kemp, GSA refused to support his bid for tenure.

Tim Christian, incoming students' union president, says it would be a good idea to dissolve the GSA. He said it would help produce a united front and effort if the two councils were to merge.



CAMPUS MAIN DRAG will be closed to through traffic for at least the next several weeks because of construction of a new storm sewer. It's getting to the point where university planners are considering installing a zipper along the street to facilitate the frequent tearing up of the pavement.