



ARTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION last night, in its regular meeting, discussed and approved the idea of holding an Arts Week. This series of forums and discussions of campus issues and a dance is to be part of an ASA program to extend from March 2 to March 7. Also discussed at the meeting, and referred to the next meeting, was the upcoming faculty rep election.

Dropouts up, half are in first year

Over 50 per cent of the dropouts at U of A are in first year. Poor marks is the prime reason for withdrawing, says John Cann

Travelling kid?

Students—are you interested in travel abroad or in an exchange program? The foreign students' office has received some booklets on various aspects of travel.

These discuss travel in Europe including where to get information, employment bureaus, and how to get student identity cards. Information is also available on such exchange programs as CUSO and Experiment in International Living. This is a program in which the student lives for a month as a "son" or "daughter" of a home in the country which he is visiting.

Those interested can find the material in Rm. 202, University Hall.

of Student Help. Personal reasons such as pregnancy, ill health, and the stress of social inadequacy are also factors.

"Many first-year students feel lost and don't know where to go or who to turn to," he said. They become disillusioned that they have to work hard, he added.

About a dozen people have come to Student Help wanting to quit. Most of them just need "a little talking to and are recharged, so they feel they can continue university. Student Help does not try to encourage people to stay against their will and refers those most determined to leave to their dean or Student Counselling.

The percentage of dropouts has slightly increased over last year. During the 1968-69 session, 457 students withdrew out of a total enrollment of 18,486. This is a 2.47 per cent dropout rate.

As of December 31, 1969, 561 students had withdrawn from this session, 2.71 per cent of an original registration of 20,674. These

figures include full-time, part-time, and evening credit undergraduates and graduate students.

Med lab science was the hardest hit this term, with a dropout rate of 6.7 per cent (89 enrolled and six withdrew). Library science, another small faculty, comes second with 4.8 per cent.

Education, the largest faculty, has a rate of 2.1 per cent with 128 withdrawals. Arts has 3.4 per cent, science has 3.5 per cent, grad studies has 2.2 per cent, engineering has 3.3 per cent, and commerce has 3.8 per cent.

The lowest dropout rate is in medicine, with 0.2 per cent. Next came dentistry with 0.5 per cent and rehab med with one per cent.

Student Help also gets several suicide calls every year. There are about ten actual suicides per year and many more attempts. Mr. Cann feels that Student Help gets more such calls than Student Counselling because they are available at any hour. Most of their counselling is done by phone.

Near-total boycott over Lakehead prof's dismissal

THUNDER BAY (CUP) — Lakehead University students began a near-total boycott of classes in their sociology and anthropology department Tuesday to press their demand for reinstatement of sociology professor Victor Wightman and two English professors.

Nearly all classes in the department were deserted, while students picketed with signs outlining their charges that Wightman was fired by department chairman Cecil French without consultation with other faculty in the department.

The boycott action was approved at a mass meeting Monday where 300 to 400 students gave administration president William Tamblyn a 5 p.m. deadline to call a student-faculty-

administration discussion of a letter of non-renewal of contract sent to Wightman.

The administration did not meet the deadline.

Earlier, students had heard that, French's claims to the contrary, a majority of faculty in the department favored Wightman's retention.

The only incident during the boycott was sparked by French himself, who scuffled with television newsmen attempting to photograph him in a sparsely attended class Tuesday. French was eventually pulled away from the cameraman by another newsmen.

Wednesday sociology students blocked an attempt by Administration President Tamblyn to read a statement to an administration-called meeting, declaring that faculty had not been invited.

Tamblyn re-scheduled the meeting for late Wednesday, and promised that a student-faculty-administration meeting would be called Thursday to discuss the firing of the three professors.

Allegedly fired due to budget restrictions at Lakehead, the three professors — Wightman, Miles Smith and Gregg Yurick — have supported a counter-bookstore set up in Thunder Bay to fight high prices in the administration's bookstore, a move the Lakehead administration regards as an affront.

Wightman was also heavily involved in a two-day November moratorium against the Vietnam war.

What election?

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students at Carleton University who refused January 19 and 20 to vote their council out of existence, can't seem to decide whether they really want a council after all.

Out of seven executive positions, only three will be contested in elections February 16 and 17, two will be acclaimed and two have no nominees after nominations closed Friday.

And 13 faculty positions have only seven nominees — only in commerce will there be an election. No one is running in engineering (two seats) and journalism (one), and only three nominees were accepted for the seven arts positions. Two students were acclaimed as science reps.

On January 21, the current student council voted to remain operative after only 19 per cent of Carleton students voted 2 to 1 to dissolve the council and institute separate "service" and "political" bodies. A 33 per cent turnout was needed to validate the election.

S.U. candidates' platforms will appear in Thursday's Gateway

campus calendar

THURS., FEB. 12

- IFC & PANHELL PRESENTS "SONGFEST '70" 7:30 p.m. Jubilee Aud.

FRI., FEB. 13

- STUDENTS' UNION PRESENTS "FRIDAY THE 13th" SOCIAL 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinwoodie
- ROOM AT THE TOP PRESENTS "LARRY REESE" (East Indian Music) 9:00-12:00 p.m.

SUN., FEB. 15

- STUDENTS' CINEMA "DR. FAUSTUS" 6:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. SUB

FEB. 13 & 14

- JUBILAIRES "MAME!" (see today's ad for details)

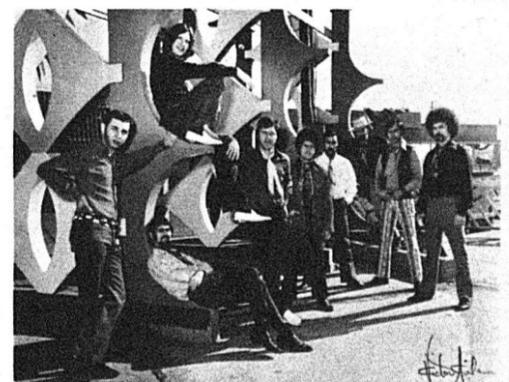
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THE NEW LOOK

at ZORBA'S brings you direct from LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK, the

"Mass. Confusion"

starting to-nite, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for a limited engagement.



MASS. CONFUSION

Mass. Confusion is a new 9 piece group from Boston who have been making a hit in the L.A. area since their arrival eight weeks ago.

Their repertoire is from the Top 40 and most of the soul tunes of the day. This group projects excitement and comes highly recommended by the clubs they have worked in the L.A. area. This group is being produced on record with the help and encouragement of the Beach Boys and could break loose with a national hit at any moment.