

## Evergreen and Gold is in this year

### *U of A students avoid basic issues as yearbook wins second chance*



IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

—George Drohomirecki photo

... but GL-70 saved the day

Students' council has decided to proceed with the publication of the Evergreen and Gold this year, and to hold a referendum to decide the fate of the yearbook in 1970-71.

The motion will have to be approved by the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board, because the motion to support the yearbook read "print 14,000 copies," rather than "one copy for every student," as required by the Evergreen and Gold bylaw.

The DIE Board has already rejected council's decision to delete the yearbook as unconstitutional, at least until the bylaw regarding the yearbook is changed.

Over 150 students showed up to boo, hiss and generally heckle council over the yearbook issue.

Students centered their attack on council for allegedly collecting fees in poor faith, and that a number of them had paid two dollars for their graduate pictures, which will now be wasted.

Although council presented a plea that students consider the priorities of the council, most of the students in attendance were primarily concerned with getting their yearbook.

When Elizabeth Law suggested

that the money now spent on the yearbook could be better spent on "more relevant social issues," she was immediately challenged from the floor.

Although the student making the challenge suggested the students should set the priorities for council, he apparently had no suggestions other than that the Evergreen and Gold should be at the top of the list. His seemed to be the common position in the gallery.

The petition to reinstate the yearbook, which has been signed by over 8,000 students was described as poorly worded and misleading by Gerry Riskin, commerce rep.

"It is almost too late to publish a yearbook this year, so we requested an immediate reversal of the decision made at last week's meeting, or a refund of fees paid for the yearbook," said yearbook editor Ken Hutchinson, who took most of the responsibility for the wording of the petition.

He pointed out that the yearbook staff would have to go ahead soon or it would not be able to produce the Evergreen and Gold this year.

Mr. Hutchinson also pointed out that the yearbook could cut its deficit by cutting the 16-page color section and adding more advertising.

If council's priorities are defeated in favor of the yearbook, many councillors threaten to leave the council.

"If we lose a referendum (on priorities) many of the councillors (who favored deleting the yearbook) will resign," said Liz Law. I will, for one."

A compromise motion to produce issues only for those students willing to fill out an order form for their yearbook met with strong opposition from the pro-E&G faction of council.

All action on the yearbook was finally suspended by council until a referendum could be held.

## Students interested in yearbook, not democracy

By ELLEN NYGAARD

In the wake of a mass exodus by an irate gallery, the head of the U of A Political Science Department told students' council Monday why they are so divorced from their electorate.

Dr. Grant Davy's address followed a lengthy debate on the yearbook issue, involving many remarks from the gallery. He was asked to speak to council and their electorate as a result of conflicts raised by that issue.

But most of the observing students weren't interested.

Dr. Davy introduced his lecture by outlining three basic theories of representivity.

The first, the delegate or mandate theory, implies that the representative must vote as the electorate directs him. He pointed out that this theory is difficult to practice in any complex system owing to the problems of obtaining the views of what he called the "wide circumference" of the constituency.

The second, or representative theory, implies that the electorate delegate a person in whose views they trust. He therefore votes according to conscience and is subject to the censure of the voters at the next election.

Dr. Davy said that the superimposition of the party system on

the structure results in a conflict between "individual conscience" and "party conscience." He added that he felt the party system should be introduced into student politics. External vice-president Liz Law said earlier that a distinct party alignment did not exist among council members but that council is politically divided.

In explaining the last theory, participatory democracy, Dr. Davy emphasized the serious weakness of such a system: that it tends to lead to weak government "unless there is a high degree of political education, a high degree of clear, accurate information, and clear perception."

Citing referenda as examples of participatory democracy, Dr. Davy said "if one is to use a referendum, unless it is such a straightforward issue that a simple yes or no is sufficient, it is imperative that the voters undergo an extensive education."

He noted that on ballots deciding on candidates as well as referenda, the percentages of people marking their ballots declines progressively from the slates of major candidates, to the minimum response given the referenda. This is a manifestation of the effects of ineffective education, he said.

Speaking of the responsibility of delegates to the electorate, Dr. Davy differentiated between "responsibility" and "responsiveness."

When asked by a member of the gallery whether he thought that responsibility implied a certain responsiveness, Dr. Davy said that while gauging the opinion of the electorate and holding to it was being responsive, it was not necessarily responsible if the constituents were not sufficiently educated to produce a responsible opinion.

Dr. Davy concluded by applying his theories to this student government.

Referring to the number and opinions of the gallery during the preceding yearbook debate, Dr. Davy said "in my view it is simply not good enough to say you have participatory democracy by what I saw this evening."

In the absence of such a system, the question arises as to the responsibility of the delegates. Dr. Davy concluded that "there is directly and constitutionally no accountability" because the sanctions of an impending re-election have no effect on council since they do not generally run a second time.

## U of C vote smashes its newspaper

While U of A students fought to retain their yearbook Monday night, Calgary students smashed their campus newspaper.

Gauntlet editors threw down the glove with a radical editorial policy in September and now the students have forced them to throw in the towel.

But just barely.

When the final tally was in for a referendum to withdraw financial support from the paper, it was 1,288 for and 1,236 against.

University of Calgary students also voted to retain compulsory students' union membership fees by a wider majority of 1,566 to 968.

Fees now stand at \$32.50 with an additional levy of \$12 for the university's athletic board.

In the wake of the Gauntlet decision, Calgary's students' council moved to withdraw funds from the paper and advise the Calgary Al-

bertan printers "that the printing of the present (to have come out Wednesday) and future issues be stopped."

Immediately following council's decision, both Gauntlet editor Jimmy Rudy and associate editor Bill Boei gave notice of their resignations.

"What it means is that we've been effectively smashed," Mr. Rudy said Monday night. "We can't print, period."

"They are going to try and get control of the Gauntlet name," he added, "take the office away from us, and it also looks like they are going to divert The Gauntlet's budget into The Medium which is also constituted under the students' union as of last spring."

The Medium was offered to the campus last year under the editorship of this year's external vice-president Bob Ferrier as a "mod-

erate" alternative to The Gauntlet. It died from a lack of staff.

Mr. Rudy also said the campus vote "just shows the split between liberals and conservatives."

"We are going to divert our energies to other radical activities and meanwhile, plans are in the making to help distribute The Spark, an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist Calgary newspaper on campus."

The compulsory union referendum had come about as a result of a 1,000-signature petition last spring advocating voluntary membership because, said the signing students, the students' union was not spending money in line with what the students considered to be the most important priorities.

Students' council had provided \$175 each for campaigns supporting both sides of the compulsory union question.

## See here!

A conference dealing with the style and procedures to be used in this year's yearbook will be held this weekend. Two representatives from the publishers will be participating in the conference; one of these is an expert in photography and layout and the other a specialist in style and policy. People interested in attending are asked to contact Ken Hutchinson in room 238 SUB. A message can be left if necessary.

## Enrollment up

The Department of Extension's fall session enrollment is up 14.7 per cent this year, with 3,680 adults registered in 126 courses.

The largest increase is in the Business and Professional Division, up 38.8 per cent with 1,882 students. The Liberal Studies Division increased 17.6 per cent, from 598 students last year to 703 this fall.