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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Only one paper this week, so once again no one bothered to show up to help out. Dennis Fitz-what's-his-name, Marb(jij)(bell), Glenn Cheriton, Pete McCormick, L. Franko, and a handful of tardy photogs somehow or other put together this minor masterpiece. Thanks for nothing everyone, from tired, bleary-eyed Harvey Thomgirt.

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the iniquity of inequity

It is encouraging to know that someone somewhere is doing something about the obsolete structure of the students' union.

It seems that the students' council, in its broad campaigns to bring about reform on campus—its efforts to get student representation on the various governing bodies of the university, its involvement in curriculum reform, and its initiative in bringing various programs to campus—has overlooked the inequities and inadequacies within its borders.

Council should pass the med students' petition to have their fees reduced.

There is no reason why med students should pay the full \$35.50 union fee each year they are on campus, when each year, they receive fewer benefits and less opportunity to enjoy membership.

Most third and fourth year med students, as well as senior students in other professional faculties requiring a long period of study, have better uses for \$11 than debt retirement on a building which they never use.

We believe the relative academic

the system

Once again the much-despised system of university examinations has triumphed.

For many students, caught up in the never-ending cycle of term papers, labs, and reading assignments, exam week is a waste of time and energy.

In this day of reform and advancement, some serious thought should be given to the abolition of mid-term exams.

Surely, any system can be licked.

position of these people is comparable to that of the graduate students; therefore, they should be given the same consideration with regards to students' union fees.

And any councillor who uses the "we'd be setting a dangerous precedent" excuse is as unrealistic as the fee set-up itself.

As well as considering re-structuring fees, council must look at its present system of representation.

It is surprising that there is so little complaint about the undemocratic way in which the high-backed, black-leather chairs are filled.

Every faculty has one representative—no matter how small or large the faculty is. That the large faculties of education, arts, and science should have the same representation as the minute school of rehabilitation medicine is grossly unfair.

Students' council must study carefully the pros and cons of all possibilities suggested: representation by population, the ward system, representation by political affiliations, by special interest groups, by academic disciplines rather than faculties, and all other proposals which they receive.

Wauneita Society took a big step forward last year when they decided not to have their president remain on council as a voting member.

Serious thought should be given to the value and fairness of having various groups represented. For example, how much of the council business is directly related to the University Athletic Board, and does it justify having a full-time voting member on council? Even the non-voting seat of The Gateway editor should be questioned.

Only by eliminating the inequities of representation and financing can students' council improve its public image and become more meaningful to the students on this campus.



'uh, comrade, that's our war . . .'

be human; pick me up

By WARREN BELL

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It's time for the annual ode to hitch-hiking.

I have had the misfortune this year to be forced to rely on hitch-hiking for most of my on and off campus transportation. Various thoughts have sprung to my mind as I stood soggily by the side of the road, awaiting the charity of one of the enlightened student body.

Thought 1: Why do people with long hair or beards, army surplus jackets and the rest, who profess a belief in such ideals as "make love not war", drive by more often than not?

Thought 2: Why do girls, almost without exception, drive by with either a baleful surreptitious glance in my direction, or with their eyes directed with harsh determination on the road ahead?

Thought 3: (the most frequent) !£@(1b&1/2?!!

Thought 4: Why do people, and students in particular, complain about the impersonality of the world and of their own local environment, of the difficulty of human contact, of real communication, and then whisk themselves off to their

roost off-campus after their last class, ignoring great masses of people with whom they could establish a real bond simply by stopping and picking them up? They don't even have to speak to them.

Thought 5: Why do people with empty six-passenger Parisiennes never stop, and drivers with Volkswagens containing two people in the front, only two doors, and a baby carrier, an old umbrella, a brief-case, and 14 textbooks in the back seat always stop?

Thought 6: Why does a girl in a beat-up old Peugeot with her boyfriend beside her in the front seat at 8 p.m., drive around the block to pick me up, and ruin all grounds I have for complaint by her act of generosity?

Please, drivers, we're human beings, too, and don't like getting wet any more than you do.

P.S.: Gabor Mate, regardless of what he believes in print, has always picked up a carload when I have seen his well-publicized mug drive by.

PPS: To all those who don't stop on University Boulevard going home because of the fear of being rear-ended, my humble apologies.