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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Everyone felt disconsolate and dejected Tuesday when they learned that the managing editor, Canada's unemployed, was in a car accident. It was the other guy's fault though, he says. Working hard despite the incident were Elaine Verbicky, Chris Easterbrook, Christie Mowat, Bernie Goodhart, Ronald P. Yakimchuk, Robert Jacobsen, Rae Armour, David Estrin, Grant Sharp, Perry Afaganis, Derek Nash, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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a good report

The students' union fee commission report submitted to council Monday was one of the best-written and most thoroughly-researched reports up before council this year.

The work done by committee members John Maher and Bob Roddick has resulted in what we think is a workable solution for fee assessment.

If the report is implemented, diploma-type nurses, BSc nurses in their clinical years and graduate students will pay \$15 instead of the present \$4.50 or \$5, and students in the third and fourth years of medicine and dentistry and the third year of law will pay \$20 instead of \$27.50.

The authors say this new scheme will not make any difference in students' union revenue, but will only re-apportion fees paid by different types of students.

It goes without saying that the \$15 group will be upset, but these students should remember that these fees were not adjusted last time the regular fees were adjusted and are now out of date.

However the benefits of union membership in "non-apparent form" are great. Students' union activities have resulted in income tax exemptions through the work of the Canadian Union of Students, lower parking fees, more extensive health services, better library facilities and library hours and lower residence and tuition fees.

These are benefits to every student, not just those who belong to the students' union, and are not easily calculated, but are worth far more than the present \$4.50 or \$5.

quick work

Council finished its business in record time Monday night. It took an hour and 45 minutes to go through seven items of business, including about a half hour of questions from the student body and student awards, which in itself usually takes two or three hours.

There were no back-biting comments, snarky remarks or snide insinuations, either. Council should make it a habit of employing these more acceptable methods of communicating more often.

It might help them get to bed earlier at night, and they could get more work done themselves.

students' centennial project

Canada's third largest centennial project will be held at U of A, University of Calgary and the Banff School of Fine Arts next week.

The focal point of Second Century Week, the Second Century Seminar, is remarkable in that it will try to assess Canada's progress in her second century of existence. Praise should go to Dennis Thomas, chairman of the seminar, for involving some of the most outstanding Canadians in this event.

The literary seminar, dreamed up by Jon Whyte even before SCW was in planning, promises to be very exciting. So do the fine arts exhibits arranged under the direction of David Leadbeater.

All these varied activities and all the background work which make them possible, however, revolve around the dynamic chairman of SCW, Dave Estrin. In the early days

of planning, he worked continuously to ensure the project would not die from either lack of funds or lack of enthusiasm, and now manages to keep track of the hundreds of details involved.

Mike Morin, the Edmonton chairman of the event, who has worked with Estrin to make the project expand into one of the most exciting events to appear on this campus, also deserves commendation.

The week includes everything from athletics to fine arts and U of A activities take place continuously all over the campus.

So choose those aspects of the week which appeal to you most and attend as many as you can, for SCW promises to be one of the most exciting events ever to be held on this campus.

Without widespread active student support, a great deal of these activities will be wasted.



"cus, cus, that's all ya 'hear; wish they'd clean up the act and sing something else."

bill miller

an open letter to cia director helms

Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia
Dear sir:

I have read with interest over the past two weeks that your organization has been doling out large sums of money to student groups in the U.S. and Canada through a few "fronts."

I also have been considering starting a new student movement, called the Student Confederacy for Unity of the Mind (SCUM), which will attempt to scotch present society's pinko-fascist thinking to replace it with one thought: there's nothing in this world that is perfect (except us) and there's nothing in this world that cannot be improved (except us).

To get this great new movement on the road, we need money, and that is why I am writing to you. In order to protect us from the communists, could you please ask one of your fronts to back us to the extent of about \$50,000?

For this money, we would spend the majority of our collective energy improving the western world, and would let the countries behind the iron and bamboo curtains go along in their blissful ignorance.

You would be better off under this scheme, because you could devote more of your secret agents to the investigation of the enemies behind the aforementioned curtains.

We would spend most time in the countries underdeveloped or overpopulated or just plain ignorant. All we need is some of that green stuff you

have been handing out as if it was an election promise.

We would promise not to tell anyone about it and our work would be well worth the \$50,000 you would give to SCUM.

On the other hand, if you don't feel like giving us a donation, could you please ask one of your known fronts to send us a letter asking us if we could use some money. Using this letter publicly, we would be able to announce that we will not accept CIA aid, and get more mileage than if we were given that \$50,000 mentioned above.

The press coverage coming out of our announcement would be enough to send several wealthy philanthropists to our door, begging to underwrite SCUM, as it would be one of a very few student groups not accepting CIA aid, known or unknown.

By the way, if you want to send one of your secret agents around to investigate us before you make a decision, by all means go ahead. We have no objection to newcomers—as long as they pay their dues, we are happy. The fee is a dollar a meeting, which are held once a week. You could send in a year's dues in advance, thereby saving us a lot of bookwork when your agent gets here.

I hope you will consider our request in good faith and comply with one of the two suggested plans. Either plan will do, as both will provide SCUM with enough funds to begin operations.

Yours sincerely,
John H. Iconoclast
President
Student Confederacy for Unity of the Mind