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**STAFF THIS ISSUE:** Working on The Gateway is good for you. It puts hair on your teeth. At least that's what some friends of one of our staffers think. Staffers Tuesday were: Richard Vivone, Dave Estrin, Maureen Love, Sheila Ballard, Marg Penn, Al Scarth, Lorraine Minich, Lorraine Allison, Ralph Melnychuk, Marion Conybeare and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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## technology on top

Buildings on this campus are not being built fast enough to meet our ever-spiralling demands.

Campus planners say they are three years behind in providing facilities and have embarked on a \$40 million building program designed to meet the thorny problem.

And this program, when completed three or four years from now, will still not meet the needs of the university, for demands at the time will be greater than they are now. Building programs of this type will be a never-ending cycle until the projected enrolment ceiling of 18,000 is reached. Even then, demands will not cease, but will level off, and campus planning can return to normal.

Our current situation is being dramatized by many. Chief Librarian Bruce Peel says Cameron Library is cramped for space and as of April 1, "the library will be entering the emergency phase spacewise." The library is expanding at a rate of about one floor (one hundred thousand volumes) per year, and with no new space for these books to go, student study areas will grow progressively smaller.

The Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce claims "We've been had," when he

talks about the facilities for his faculty, whose decentralized offices are spread through the old student health services building, the Education Building, an old house in Garneau and even an apartment block.

Hu Harries' faculty cannot expand—and he is forced to restrict enrolment because of inadequate facilities.

The real sting will come when only half of his staff will be able to move into the Henry Marshall Tory Building upon its completion, the rest being scattered around the campus.

Shortage of facilities has resulted in only one of every three applicants being accepted into the Faculty of Medicine.

Inadequate facilities are a major problem on this campus and the one hurt most by this is the student. In a crowded campus, the student is given little study area and is given less academic choices as the years go on.

Disturbing, but these are facts that must be faced, for as University President Dr. Walter H. Johns has remarked: "Instant buildings have not been achieved by technology."

Neither has instant government aid.

## the system triumphs again

Pens again scratched across examination papers at the University of Alberta this week—and for no good reason. Christmas examinations, like winter, are not over yet; and professors have no control over the weather.

Many undergraduate students have found themselves rewriting poorly-set examinations from which it is impossible for a professor to obtain meaningful results. This problem occurs most often in science courses, where instructors fail to set an examination based upon the term's work. It is not necessarily widespread, but it is a problem.

For example, one can safely assume that if a laboratory teaching assistant cannot pass the Christmas examination set for his students, the paper was too difficult.

Also, when an entire class fails an examination or when half the papers are returned with zeros scrawled across them, the examination itself is a failure.

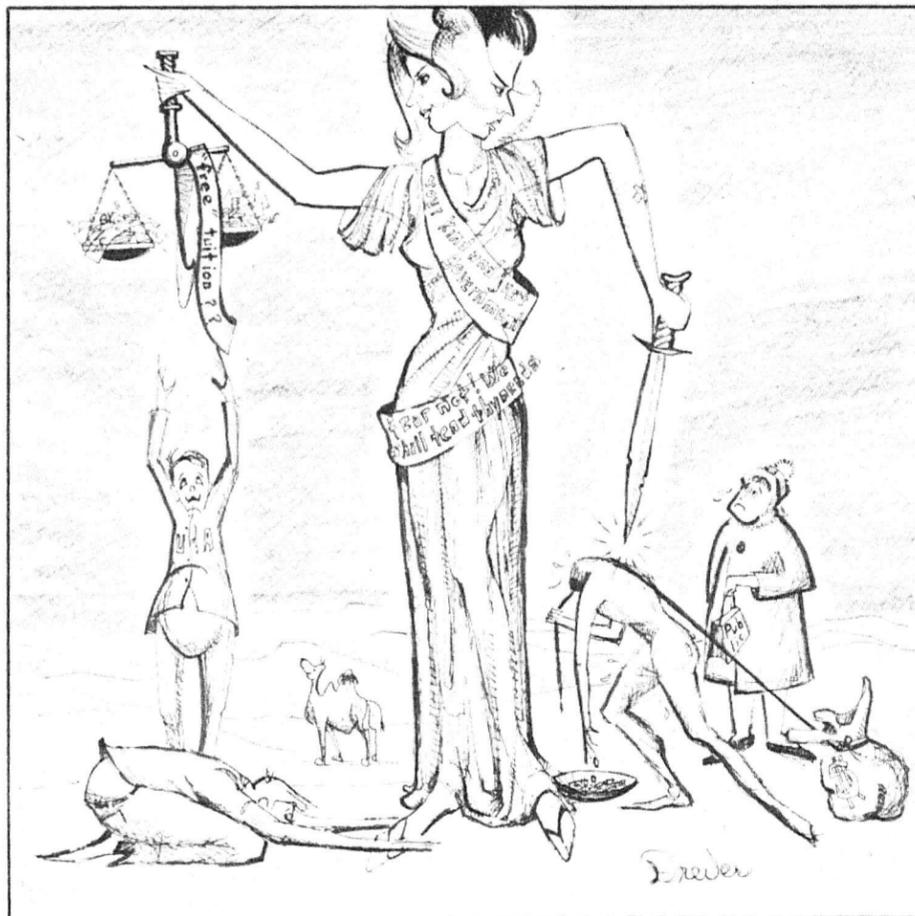
Examinations which are not based upon course content, particularly

in mathematics and science courses, cannot be considered reasonable indicators of students' capabilities. Moreover, they can be enough to discourage students from continuing in a difficult course.

Such stories and complaints constantly filter through our stainless-steel, computerized examination system. They occur too often to be ignored.

And furthermore, many of them are being written in the minds of first-year students who are being victimized by a system which requires professors to spend more and more time publishing articles and books, doing research or teaching graduate students—and less and less time working on their undergraduate courses.

University officials say the undergraduate is paying a considerable proportion of graduate students' tuition fees, but it is obvious he is not receiving full value for his money when he must write examinations which do not cover a course which he is being denied the opportunity of being exposed to.



there are two distinct sides to every question

## staffing the union

by don sellar

While Old Man Winter howls across our desolate campus these days, I huddle in Room 209B of SUB, waiting for Students' Union election pundits to shove some balmy breezes in my direction. And recently, it's been considerably warmer in my office than it's been outside.

Election gossip is a phenomenon that's thicker than bubblegum on Varsity Guest Weekend, and it spreads better than Squirrel Peanut Butter in a rainstorm. Everywhere we see shadowy figures darting about, telling one another who is running for what, and furthermore, why they will win.

Sometimes, election gossip reaches the ears of the prospective candidate himself, as it did last week when SUPAman Peter Boothroyd was asked whether he intends to run for one of the two vice-presidencies which are rumored to be up for grabs this spring. Non-candidate Boothroyd blushed, and mumbled something to the effect that he didn't even know there were going to be two vice-presidencies open.

"So much for Peter Boothroyd," you might say. But others are warning me that he'll swallow his pride, change his mind and start looking for a nominator before the February 23 nomination deadline.

But while we're waiting for Peter Boothroyd to change his mind, let's take a look at some of the persons whose names are being bandied about for prime union positions these days. Most of them are familiar, because dark-horse candidates seem to be staying in the stables—so far at least.

First, the presidency. As of Tuesday, one name stood out ahead of all the others mentioned to various inquisitive Gateway staffers during their recent reportorial travels.

He's Fraser Smith—co-ordinator

of student activities, president of Inter-Fraternity Council, head of Photo Directorate, warden of Athabasca Hall, director of intramurals and yes girls, married too. Now J. Fraser was planning to travel to Hong Kong next year and become a teacher over there, but rumor has it he's changed his mind. The 27-year-old octopus of student activities is very much in the race, though he hasn't announced it officially as yet.

Second on the list of possible successors to raving Richard Price is dynamic Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board chairman Branny Schepanovich. Branny, who edited The Gateway two years ago, now appears to have his law studies under control and is ready to run. Sources close to Provost A. A. Ryan's favorite sparring partner say Schepanovich can definitely be talked into running.

Other names being bandied about for the job include CUS chairman Bruce Olsen, law representative Gord Meurin and policy of operations board chairman Stan Wolanski—all three of whom are given considerably less chance of putting their feet up on the president's desk March 5.

Surprisingly enough, there is very little talk about who will fill the other executive positions, though commerce representative Al Anderson is given the inside track on Eric Hayne's secretary-treasurer position.

The vice-president's job is wide open, but if it's split into internal and external affairs portfolios, Peter Boothroyd and Bruce Olsen (if he doesn't run for president) would be prime candidates.

But nothing's final until nomination day. Who knows, when nominations close, there may even be a slate to rival retired Gateway editor Bill Winship's nondescript nine which took three jobs last year.