

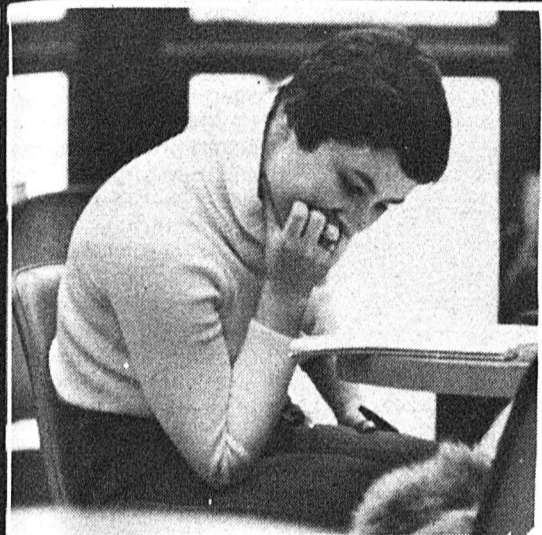
can resist anything...

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...except temptation.
—Oscar Wilde

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Hit the books, hit the roof... Amidst coffee, cigarettes and frustration, this unidentified student, captured in a few of the thousands of attitudes for studying, joins the rest of the student body in preparing for that last mid-term. Clandestine surveillance done in the Ed. students' lounge.

photos Don Truckey

FIRETRAP

... hazards prompt call for investigation

Locked roof escape doors and jammed emergency exits in HUB apartments have prompted HUB's designer, Edmonton architect Rick Wilkin, to demand an investigation into the fire safety of HUB.

"There's definitely got to be an investigation," Wilkin said in a *Gateway* interview Monday. "There must be periodic inspections to keep emergency hardware clear."

Wilkin was responding to a *Gateway* probe which revealed many of the emergency kick-out panels between HUB apartments are sealed too tightly to be opened, and that all roof escape panels, designed to allow tenants to flee atop the roof from one stairwell to another during a fire, are locked.

Vanek denied

A Friday decision by the Board of Governors to deny an extension to Anthony Vanek's probationary teaching period has been labelled "a major violation of academic freedom, at least" by anthropology professor Regna Darnell, Vanek's wife and spokesman.

The Board decision rejects a recommendation by the tenure appeals committee to extend Vanek's probationary period by two years.

And the Association of Academic Staff at the U of A (AASUA) has submitted a formal request to the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) to consider the dispute and advise Dr. Vanek of possible avenues of appeal.

AASUA president Larry Eberlein said Monday the request to CAUT was made on behalf of Dr. Vanek, but stressed the request did not ask for CAUT's intervention in the affair.

Darnell said the Board's decision was "incredible and, in view of the fact the Board would give no justification for their decision, high-handed and unreasonable." Darnell said Vanek had no immediate plans for appeal "because he thought it incredible they (the Board) could defy the rules they themselves set up."

The Board did not state its reasons or elaborate on the details of its rejection of the committee's recommendation.

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The latest furor over HUB's safety has arisen since a fire last Wednesday gutted half of a two-man HUB unit.

Four HUB tenants were trapped above the fire and were afraid to descend the stairwell because of fire and smoke, yet were unable to kick open the emergency panel to the adjoining apartment, which would have allowed them to escape through to the next stairwell.

These emergency panels were one point of contention when HUB's original design passed fire regulations six years ago; HUB did not pass provincial fire regulations and had to go before the National Research Council to pass the national building code.

One of the modifications defended before NRC in his design because of these negotiations was the inclusion of kick-out exit panels between HUB apartments.

Wilkin said the building was approved for fire safety by the

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DIE Board meets tonight — general election appeal

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board will meet tonight to decide on a complaint which could nullify the Feb. 11 Students' Union general election.

The DIE Board, which interprets the SU constitution and assesses penalties for contraventions of it, is being asked by five SU members to hear a complaint filed under By-Law #300 — the SU election by-law.

The plaintiffs, two of whom ran for SU president in the election, allege that "irregularities in procedure" on election day contravened By-Law #300 seriously enough to force the SU election to be nullified.

The complaints are as follows:

- that the computer programmer hired by the SU to tabulate the preferential ballots did not give formal guidelines on which to run the campaign;
- that the electorate and poll

staff were instructed that the individual votes need *not* be preferential;

- that the SU Returning Officer left opened contents of polling boxes with someone other than a deputized returning officer;

- that ballots for athletic board positions were not distributed separately from executive position ballots;

- that the Returning Officer did

not take action to ensure that all election campaign material was removed from campus by 7 a.m. on election day.

Gary Romanchuk, DIE Board chairman, has asked all election candidates to attend tonight's meeting — at 7 p.m., in Room 270A, SUB — and to pick up copies of the complaints from the SU general office, Room 256, SUB.

Attention, please.

Thursday at 2 p.m. an afternoon of protest and entertainment will be held on the front lawn of the provincial legislature building for the opening of the spring session.

The protest is against differential fees and the entertainment will be provided by a few thousand picketers and the Edmonton City Police.

Protesters are asked to bring placards and other Sixties paraphernalia.