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**STAFF THIS ISSUE**—'Twas the night before Oct. 19, and all through the office, not a creature was sleeping, because they were working on The Gateway, issue 9. Those working were W. W. P. Burns, Bernie Goedhart, Butch Treleaven, Bill Callaghan, Marion Conybeare, Dennis Lomas, Dewayne Good, Bob Jacobsen, Jim Griffin, John Green, Steve Rybak, Don Holmes, Don Moren, Chuck Lyall, Ken Hutchinson, Al Yackulic, Derek Nash, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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## the ingrown beaurocracy

Behold the sink-hole of student action—the University of Alberta's students' union.

In the last five years, the university has grown from 8,000 to over 12,000 students. In the last five years we have had Berkeley, Clark Kerr and the multiversity problem, the emergence of activist unions like the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec, and a new concern about the student's role in the academic community.

In the last year McGill completed a massive and expensive course evaluation project, and started another study to find a viable alternative to the lecture system.

Both plans involved hundreds of students.

In the last five years the University of Alberta students' union has grown from a working base of 100 students to a new high of 101.

There may be more committees, but there are less people per committee doing the same thing—nothing.

Parkinson's Law says "work expands to fill time available for its completion." At the University of Alberta this situation is more like Parkinson's Disease.

Parkinson's Disease attacks the motor co-ordination control of the brain and is characterized by muscular rigidity, tremor, and weakness.

Go into the students' union office and ask them what they're doing to meet the challenge of the '60s. Ask them and they'll tell you to go and see some committee. Ask them about course evaluation, course design, the student's role—just ask them and watch what happens.

They will tremble a bit and pass responsibility off on someone like

Yvonne Walmsley who heads the academic relations committee, and whose hands are tied with a \$200 budget.

They have more than enough trouble administering the petty budget of the Tiddley-Wink Club.

But don't be satisfied with an answer like that. Really bug them.

"Apathy." It will come out as tortured scream. They've been screaming it for years and it's getting sickening.

They know what's happening, but they don't know how to deal with it. Their muscles are rigid and their thinking is stereotyped.

Students are not apathetic. They need someone to approach them, personally, and ask them to help. No one likes to volunteer.

Student leaders—get off your dead ends and start working to expand the union. We need 500 people at least.

Don't send out letters, you idiots. This campus is impersonal enough already and no one reads the phlegm of some spastic Gestetner.

It hits the garbage as soon as it arrives, and especially when the letter is signed on the stencil.

Don't cry for help in The Gateway. You should know by now that doesn't work.

Some of you were elected, and you won by stumping the campus from one end to the other. Get the stump out of the closet before it falls apart with dry rot.

Talk to every student. Hit them in the cafeterias, at the bus stops, in the residences, in the lounges and in the labs.

Get going before rigor mortis is complete. And maybe you will drag U of A into the 20th century.

## let's find what is wrong

The ideological split which has cut six members from the Canadian Union of Students this fall is growing each day.

Latest to announce plans of withdrawal from the national student body is McGill University. If McGill decides to leave, CUS would be represented in every province—if you disregard Quebec and Newfoundland.

Two other universities—Acadia and St. Dunstan's—are also considering leaving the organization.

There must be something wrong with the organization, despite what members of the now-defunct Pro-

CUS committee say, if members are leaving at this alarming rate.

It is time CUS national president Doug Ward took a long hard look at his organization to find what is wrong. A national student body is not effective if only half the nation's students are represented.

Mr. Ward, now president of the Canadian Union of Students of Some of the Students, said he was "not surprised" to see Bishop's University leave CUS Monday, he expressed little concern about U of A's withdrawal. He does not seem upset by this growing loss of members.

He should be—if he wants to keep CUS alive.



"remember that old bit they used to give us about get an education and you'll never be asking for handouts . . ."

helene chomiak

## athletics will suffer

At a March, 1966 University Athletic Board budget meeting it was decided to stop sponsoring the three junior teams—volleyball, basketball, and hockey, and a number of sports clubs.

The main reason given by E. D. Zemrau for dropping teams was that they played only in exhibition games and this was a strain on the teams.

An exhibition schedule is not the ideal situation for a team but, a number of players were still willing to play under these conditions.

So the real reason seems to be a financial one.

"We have cut last year and the year before," said Mr. Zemrau. "It doesn't matter where you pare, it always hurts someone and that someone as a result is not able to participate in the manner he would like."

Therefore it is interesting to look at the manner in which the budget was cut.

The total UAB expenditure rose from \$69,954 in 1965 to \$92,013 this year. Large parts of the increase were granted to the football team, the senior basketball team and the general category which includes administration, awards and other such expenses.

An interesting note in the general category is that the biggest increase was in honoraria—\$4,450 this year comparing to \$1,800 last year.

Taking the items from the '65 budget, the savings for cutting out the three junior teams and the curling,

fencing, hockey, rifle, rodeo, badminton and bowling clubs is \$2,960.

This is close to the increase in honoraria, and less than the increased budget for the senior basketball team and the football team.

It seems that these junior teams and sports clubs involve more people than will the football team, the basketball team or honoraria.

Therefore the budget cuts are unconstitutional for the UAB constitution reads in part, "to promote and encourage the widest possible participation in both intramural and extramural athletic activities," and the result of the budget will be to reduce activity.

The UAB should look at means of rectifying this situation. One possible solution would be to solicit funds from other sources to support the expensive teams.

Another method may be embark on an extensive campaign to increase revenue from athletic activities on this campus.

A more extreme course would be to ask the student body to increase the student athletic levy from \$7 to possibly \$8.50.

But it is doubtful if the student body will grant a request from the UAB for more funds if the majority of the budget goes towards the major teams.

Paradoxically the budget does not even help the major teams. The general calibre of athletes is bound to suffer if junior teams do not exist as a training ground and a continuous source of talent for the senior teams.