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BOOKS AND LOOKS—Linda Strycher, house ec 3, fingers through the books on the fifth floor of Cameron Library, one of the few places that has escaped the ravages of the parasitic plumbers.

Union committee examines representation on council

Re-organization committee reviews problem areas in council's structure

The students' union re-organization committee has begun an evaluation of the system of representation on students' council.

Parliament's second round to start next week

The second session of Model Parliament will commence Feb. 16, in the SUB Theatre.

William Switzer, Liberal MLA from Edson, will be speaker and will read the speech from the throne.

This will initiate the reply and provoke the bills and questions from the parties.

The Progressive Conservative resolution is to send Canadian troops to South Korea in event of an attack on the nation.

The Social Credit Party is to resolve to set up Canada as a totally free trade area.

The Liberals are also planning to question the status of the monarchy, lowering of drinking age and the "anachronistic" provisions of sections 135 to 153 of the Criminal Code of Canada. These sections pertain to human sexual behavior.

The first session of Model Parliament was held in November.

Committee chairman Marilyn Pilkington said Tuesday she feels there are definite problem areas in the structure of the students' council, and her committee hopes, by holding open meetings and hearing student submissions, to come up with reasonable alternatives.

She outlined what she considers the basic problems:

● The most experienced, aware, active students do not sit on students' council, apart from the executive

● Council members are often not involved enough to be aware of the issues confronting student government and to be able to make qualified evaluations and judgments

● Many councillors have no experience and little interest to equip them to cope with student government problems; they can be easily influenced by the executive who generally speaking make most of the decisions and then bring them to council for discussion and ratification.

● The present faculty representation system is inequitable: students in rehabilitation medicine have the same representation as the entire Faculty of Education. Possible alternatives that have been suggested are: election of councillors on a campus-wide basis, inclusion of directors and committee chairmen on council, and distribution of council seats among interest groups.

As well as the problem of students' union structure, Pilkington said her committee will discuss problems of participation, communication, and programming.

All students who are interested in expressing complaints, offering solutions, or discussing these issues with the committee should fill in questionnaire forms which are available at the students' union office.

Pilkington said she hopes to have all submissions by Feb. 16. A series of open meetings will then be scheduled, and all opinions will be considered when the committee makes its recommendations to council later this year.

Res rates rising everywhere

OTTAWA (CUP)—Residence fee increases could range from $30 to $100 a year next year at Canadian universities.

A Canadian University Press survey reveals most of these increases are due to inflation, higher costs of maintenance, and salary increases.

Leading the parade is the University of Western Ontario, where new residence fees beginning in September 1968, will cost more than $1,000 per year.

Other universities point to the Western example in justifying fee rises.

Dr. Henry Endress of Waterloo Lutheran University said in Ontario universities' fees next year will be in the $900 to $1,000 range, and raised fees at Lutheran to $825 from $775.

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Fee increases are also slated for Dalhousie University in Halifax, York University in Toronto, P.E.I's St. Dunstan's University, and others.

At the University of Waterloo, living costs for their student village will go from $850 this year to $960 next, rising to $1,000 for a single room in 1970.

Paradoxically, these fee rises are usually set out with no consultation with students, although at most universities no operating money is involved in residence construction operation.

Residences come under federal and provincial housing financing schemes, not education costs, and loans are repayed through rents taken from students.

The Canadian Union of Students is trying to encourage construction of more co-op residences to help solve the housing crisis.

Co-ops get their money the same way, but residences built on the co-op principle bear little resemblance to university-approved dwellings.

They are invariably built at a lower cost, and co-ops at the University of Waterloo and elsewhere are at least 15 per cent cheaper than university-owned and operated residences.

Students choose a graduate as representative on B of G

LONDON, Ont. (CUP)—University of Western Ontario received a recent graduate as their student representative on the Board of Governors last week.
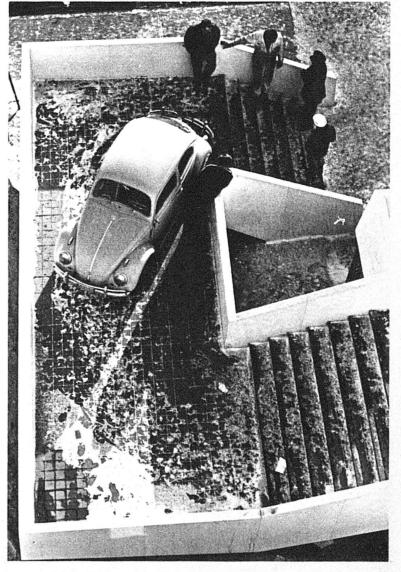
The governor, 22-year-old theology student Patrick Donohue, said, "I see my job as a liaison between students and the board to alleviate unnecessary misunderstandings.

Donohue, a 1966 arts graduate of Western, now in second year theology at neighboring St. Peter's seminary qualified for the position under the revised board charter. The charter says the student representative must hold a degree from Western and be at least 12 months removed from the student body or any of its affiliates.

U of A last month decided against a student governor, but a person selected by the students' union is to be accepted on the board.

Donohue was elected by acclamation.

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GUESS WHAT HAPPENED—This car was "parked" on the steps of Tory last Monday. Monday also marked the start of that annual party for juvenile delinquents and irresponsible hoodlums—Engineers' Week. Do you suppose there is any connection between the two events?