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STAFF THIS ISSUE—We finally decided what makes the paper tick—profanity. Among those loyal and new staffers coming to this profound conclusion are Penny Hynam (bulletin board sleuth), Dewayne L. Good (a good new reporter), Steve Rybak (fast mover in the sports arena), Bernie Goedhart (short shorts), Sharilyn Ingram (met Emily), Elaine Verbicky and Gerry Polack (covered council), Wayne Johnson and Frank Howarth (sort of worked on makeup), Gordon Auck (also makeup), Sheila Ballard (features girl), Jim MacLaren (90 per cent proof reader), Marion Conybeare, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt.

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the general meeting

For the first time in a number of years, a general meeting of the students' union is to be called.

The last time such a meeting was called, it considered the proposed new students' union building. Now we are summoned to examine students' council's stand on the withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students.

The CUS withdrawal issue is of extreme importance. Its final outcome will no doubt have repercussions which will be felt by U of A students for years to come.

The issue has been debated among the general student body with much vigor during the past few weeks. It is gratifying to know that enough students care about the Canadian Union of Students to both talk about our withdrawal and to force a general meeting concerning the issue.

But will anything come out of the meeting?

A quorum of ten per cent of the total students' union membership (about 1,000 students) is required to hold the meeting.

Are there 1,000 students interested enough to attend?

We hope so. For if there are not, it speaks poorly for our students' concern for their own welfare.

Council has taken a stand. For budgetary and administrative reasons, it is essential council get something positive out of this meeting.

It is also essential that whatever decision is reached at the meeting truly reflect student opinion.

Presumably those who oppose withdrawal will be there, for the withdrawal now stands, and it is up to those who oppose it to try and have it rescinded.

But will those who support withdrawal be there? The theory of general meetings is that a proportional sample of campus opinion will attend.

One of the greatest dangers is that a vocal minority of the students may force their views on the rest of us. Those who claim they stand for democracy and human rights claim this situation is exactly what they are fighting.

We rather doubt they will complain if it is their "vocal minority" which wins out at the meeting.

In the interests of a reasonable and representative decision on such an important issue, we plead for all students to exercise their rights and responsibilities and come to the general meeting.

progressive inaction

Members of students' council should go out and form the Canadian Procrastinators Association—if they can get around to it.

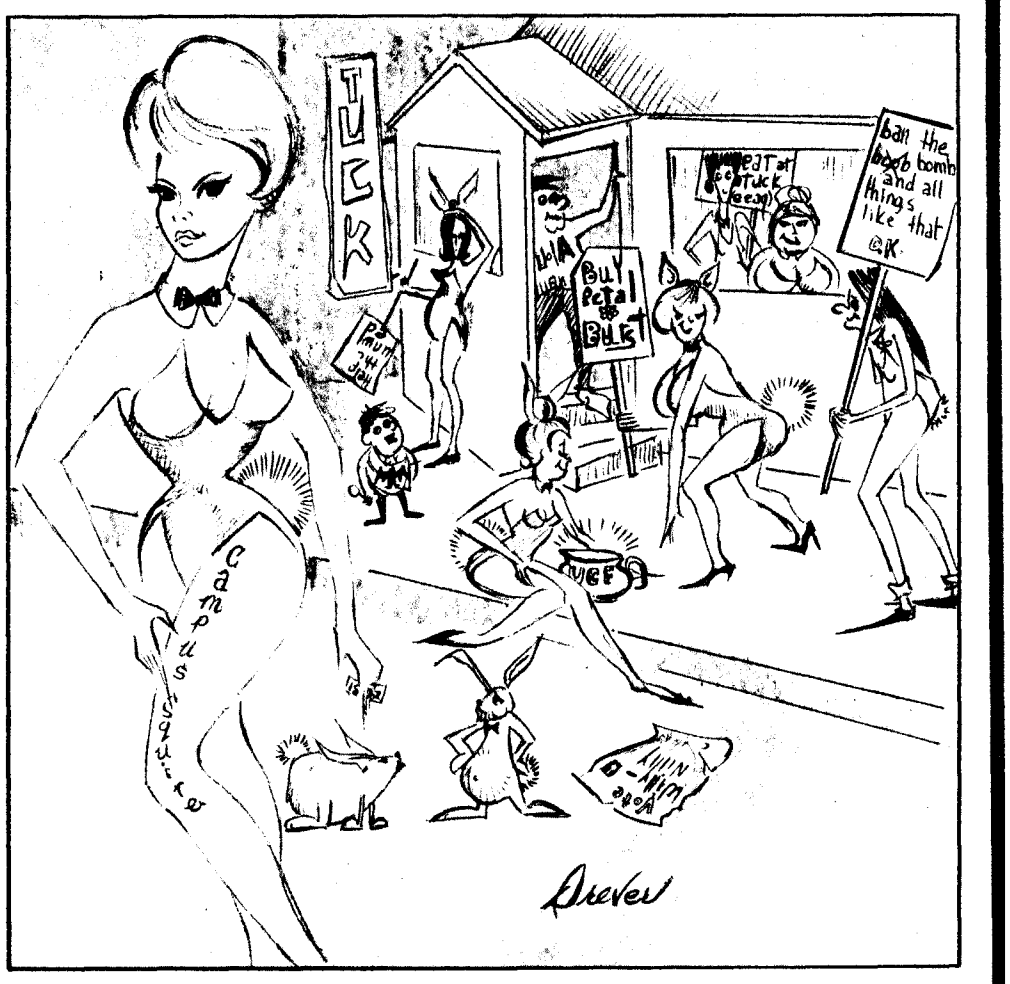
Council members have been known to ask that a motion be tabled until next meeting of council because they "don't know enough about the subject." This ignorance on the part of these stalwart representatives of students is disgraceful, especially if material on the subject is placed in their mailboxes in the students' union office three or four days before the meeting.

When a subject is placed on council's agenda, almost always a brief or a short report is prepared, duplicated and placed in councillor's mailboxes. Councillors, if they are interested in doing their job properly, pick up this material, and read it well in advance of the council meeting. If they have any questions, about any topic, they go to the person who prepared the material for council and question him. In this way, when the meeting rolls around, they are well-prepared with questions and criticisms of the topic.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case with student councillors. Some of them pick up their material minutes before council is about to sit. When a subject comes up for which they are not prepared, they ask for more time to investigate the situation.

This happened Monday night, it happened at the council meeting Sept. 19, in fact it happens at almost every meeting, so this is not an isolated incident. At the Sept. 19 meeting, Wauneita president Leslie Windsor, incensed at council's latest example of progressive inaction, told council "they'd better know what they are doing when they take the motion off the table in two weeks, by cracky!"

Councillors must face their responsibilities and must live up to them. If they do not have the time to check their mailboxes, to read the material prepared especially for them, and to investigate any situations they are not acquainted with, we submit they should have no place on council.



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helene chomiak

thanksgiving: let us give thanks

Since Monday is Thanksgiving Day, let us stop a minute and give praise for the many good things that have happened to us in the past year.

Let us give praise to the students who voted last year to elect our present students' council, for surely that is a wise body deserving of our tribute.

Let us thank students' council for having the initiative to pull out of the Canadian Union of Students for this will save us 65 cents a student, and verily this money may be better spent.

Let us bless the parents who many years ago started this bumper crop of freshmen who now crowd the halls of this university.

Let us consider the university administration who had the foresight to plan such large edifices to its glory as the Henry Marshall Tory Building, but let us hope that future architects may have a better knowledge of designing large buildings.

May our thoughts be turned to mixed housing on this campus for that is a noble project which shall occupy the minds of our students when they should be on other things.

Let us give thanks for empty bank accounts, for surely we would spend our money drinking if we had any.

Let us praise Dr. Vant for speaking forth words of wisdom and warning that every freshette should know and ignore. Let us thank the Wauneita Society for planning these lectures.

We should also give thanks to the aspiring clothing shop off campus who is bringing Playboy's 1966 June Playmate to campus. Verily, this will be a sight for sore eyes.

Let us give thanks for large lecture rooms and oversized classes, for then the professors are less likely to notice when we are away.

May we all bless the bookstores who still do not have our books in store, for then we would have to spend our money and time on them.

Let us not think too long on the content of our courses for this may make us mournful or disappointed.

Let us praise the Golden Bears for losing only exhibition games and otherwise maintaining a tradition of being undefeatable.

We must also bless the University Athletic Board for encouraging no minds in sound bodies.

Let us praise all who walk for there is no parking at this university. Let us also give praise to those who ride bicycles ,for they also do not complicate our parking problem.

Let us give thanks for the students in residence who are too lazy to complain about the food service even when they get ptomaine poisoning for then the Journal can give tributes to the university staff.

We must be thankful for the Journal which exists as an unbiased disseminator of news, but we must also thank the post office which delivers other papers to us.

May we sing praises to the Block A Club for taking their minds to the finer things of life and electing Miss Freshette.

May we all be thankful that the Students' Union for Peace Action and the New Democratic Youth exist on this campus for then we may say students are concerned about larger issues.

Let us be joyous that Edmonton is having another civic election for this may give us reasons to go across town and carry posters. If we are extremely fortunate, we may even have a fight.

Let us bless modern science for the pill, pot, LSD, dexedrine and other inventions indispensible to being a student.

And let me give praise to those who invented dictionaries for otherwise I would not be able to express my frustrations in print.