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JUST A PART OF THE LARGE, LARGE CROWD
... at Thursday's Vietnam debate in SUB theatre lobby
—Neil Driscoll photo

Heckling turns Anderson, Boothroyd debate on Vietnam into a shambles

Who gives a damn about Vietnam?

The engineers don't at any rate. At least this is the impression they gave at a debate on Vietnam last Thursday.

The debate, itself, between grad student association president Peter Boothroyd and students' council president Al Anderson came to a swift end when a large group of engineers began heckling the speakers and throwing toilet paper across the SUB-theatre lounge.

Boothroyd said, "The student should naturally be involved in Vietnam, but the university has become a hostile environment. What is being taught is irrelevant to life. Extra curricular activities, including concern with the war, are divorced from the classroom."

"It is the students' union's responsibility to be involved in all these activities," he said.

Most of Boothroyd's points were lost among the jeering and general havoc created by the crowd of engineers.

Anderson rebutted with several

reasons why the students' union cannot be concerned with the war.

- As all students are compulsory members of the students' union, to force them to take interest in Vietnam is a violation of their rights.

- The students' council representatives were not elected on these grounds.

- The students' council can only do so many things well.

If it tackles too much it will accomplish little and will lose the respect of students, the general public, and the administration.

Heckling at the conclusion of Anderson's speech grew so loud that he gave up the microphone to a representative of the engineers' faculty.

"Right now I'm too busy to do anything about Vietnam," said the representative. "Besides, it seems to me that anyone who 'gives a damn about Vietnam' has long hair and a beard." Needless to say, the engineer had neither.

The 'debate' became more confusing as members of the audience asked the engineer questions.

"Is there a war in Vietnam?" someone asked him.

"I don't know what you mean," he replied.

Drama lecturer Barry Reckord tried to bring the debate back to the question of Vietnam.

"The only way this North American continent can decently support the war is if there is a clear necessity for it. And there are thousands in the U.S. who feel that there is no such necessity," he said.

"The thing wrong with this university is that people are not concerned and the point of education is, by God, to be concerned!"

An American sociologist asked the jeering engineers just how many had really listened to Reckord or Boothroyd.

"People tend to screen information and listen only to what interests them," he said. "I know that you (the engineers) are go-

ing to be the elite of Canada, and I'm frightened of it."

"The least we can do for this atrocious war is know where we stand," said one student.

Boothroyd, at the end of Thursday's session of the debate, said it had served a purpose since it had generated some form of discussion.

Reckord announced the debate would continue on Friday at noon. He hoped to see the engineers there.

Friday's session was more worthwhile. There was a large turnout, including many engineers, but much of the heckling had subsided.

Reckord opened the debate by asking if there could be a war, see page three—HECKLERS

Graduate students reject membership in students' union

The Graduate Students' Association decided Wednesday not to join the students' union.

A motion stating that graduate students wish the GSA to remain autonomous and wish to pay at least no more than the present \$5 associate membership fee to the students' union was passed unanimously.

The meeting was held because the results of a referendum submitted to members were considered inconclusive.

Of the 1,867 ballots sent out only 226 were returned.

Of these, 97 voted to accept the students' union proposal that all graduate students pay a \$15 fee to the students' union for full membership.

The choice of paying the students' union \$10 extra and refusing to become full members of the students' union received 10 votes.

The third option—fighting the whole proposal from the students' union—received 95 votes.

Twenty-four members made other suggestions of varying degrees of seriousness.

"Union with the students' union would be fatal to the GSA. We have nothing in common. There would be no one voice to represent graduate students," said Brendan Woods, grad studies.

The meeting drafted a list of reasons for wishing the GSA to retain its autonomous status:

- There are diverging and conflicting interests between the students' union and graduate students.
- Most graduate students are over 21 and have a different legal status.
- Most graduate students are employees of the university as research or teaching assistants.

- They do not make use of the facilities of the students' union.

A motion was also passed that "this meeting demand of the Board of Governors official recognition of the GSA as the only body representing graduate students of this university."

Assistance board asks assistance

The Students' Assistance Board has applied for a \$260,000 provincial government grant to meet loan requirements.

The board said recent changes in regulations under the Students' Assistance Act which makes more funds available to students have necessitated the request.

The shortage will affect university and vocational students, especially those who are not eligible for loans under the Canada Students Loans Plan and those who need to supplement their Canada Students Loans.

The major part of the funds loans each year are provided by repayment of at least \$200 per year by students who have borrowed in previous years. During the current fiscal year it is estimated that over \$705,000 out of the anticipated expenditure of \$1,200,000 will be provided by repayment. The balance of the funds required under the Students Loans Plan are provided from the general revenue fund of the province.

Motel offers UWO students special rates

LONDON, Ont. (CUP)—The Trade Winds Motel promises special rates for students next year.

Harry Joyce, operator of the motel, plans to rent rooms to University of Western Ontario students at the same rate the university charges for its residences. Fees are \$1,000 a year for a single room.

The motel will offer meal service, wall-to-wall broadloom, radio and television, and maid service.

It is expected that students will buy the Trade Winds idea as it will mean that they will not be restricted by campus residence rules.

Liquor legalized for homecoming

Alumni allowed to drink in union building

It's going to be a wet week-end in SUB during the Alumni homecoming.

Friday the Board of Governors approved the serving of liquor in SUB.

Homecoming is tentatively scheduled for the third week in September. Plans call for a bar in Room at the Top, and wine at the banquet.

University president Dr. Walter H. Johns said "it is a precedent because it will be the first time liquor has been allowed in the building.

"The Board has taken a second look at its previous policy of not allowing liquor in the building. It has been allowed for this occasion only. We will see how it goes and if everything works out we may con-

sider it again.

"All of the Alumni are over 21 so there will be no question of minors getting liquor. Also this year it is particularly appropriate that homecoming be held in the new building.

"This will have no effect on the undergrads on campus, the majority of whom are minors. This won't lead to any pub in SUB."

The only other place on campus where liquor is served at banquets and other functions is the president's dining room in Lister Hall.

Coordinator Glenn Sinclair said "the place has no atmosphere at all. SUB is the logical place for functions where alcohol will be served."