

The Circle is round

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A community thing happened Saturday night in the Newman Centre on campus.

The Circle Widens, an easy-sound folk-rock group, appeared in concert for the first time.

Each song was a warm ripple moving through the packed hall.

The group chose a certain brand of music—pleasant message songs—and stuck with it through the evening. "The Circle Game", "Changes", and other favorites of the folk evolution period made the evening comfortable.

John and Susan Lent, the group's vocalists, didn't interpret these too differently from the stock Joni Mitchell and Gordon Lightfoot renderings.

But if the well-known songs made the evening comfortable, a few of the less-exposed ones made it interesting.

"Suzanne", Leonard Cohen's beautiful song about the girl some people say is a prostitute in Montreal, really took you down to the river. The Circle Widens did funny things with the rhythms, enlarging the song from the Cohen recording's beat monotony. It seemed to say more and say it better with this variegated rhythm pattern.

And speaking of rivers, the highlight of the evening had to be the debut of "The River Song". Originally a poem by Bill Pasnak,

the song's mood and free musical method was a cut above anything else that night. Lines like "You are born of the river; you're the river's only laughter . . ." left one rather happy.

There were a few problems. The hall was too stilled, long and narrow for all the warmth generated by the group to arrive complete for the back rows. The Circle Widens belongs in a round room with a green rug on the floor; unfortunately, there's aren't many rooms like that around.

Wayne Vetsch on drums joined the group for the first time and did a good job backing up bassist Harry Lent and lead guitar Greg Vetsch. But too often the balance was not good—the music was lost, or the vocalists were covered up.

John and Susan Lent needed a little more volume for some of the ensemble numbers, but their voices were clear and lyrics carefully and artistically turned always.

The group is planning on cutting a record as soon as they have more original material.

All in all, the concert was thoroughly enjoyable. But next time (group, look for a round room.

Student on B of G confused by university finances

The students' union 'representative' student on the Board of Governors began his duties with a board meeting two days after a 'meet the SDU' meeting of the committee which selected him.

Graduate student Jan DeJong attended his first board meeting Friday and came away "impressed with it" although he "didn't understand that much."

Official notice

COMMISSION ON STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS—At the October 21 meeting of students' council the following notion was passed: THAT the students' council establish a commission for the purpose of investigating and making recommendations to council on a student bill of rights.

Applicants for the commission are now called for. All interested persons apply receptionist, second floor SUB, or contact Sandra E. Young, chairman, personnel board, 432-4241.

"A lot of it was finance," said DeJong.

Jan DeJong is a third year graduate student in Engineering chosen over two other applicants by a special Students' Union-Graduate Students Association selection committee. His appointment was approved by students' council October 21.

The other student on the Board of Governors is students' union president Marilyn Pilkington, there by virtue of her position as president. Students' union vice-president David Leadbeater was an interim representative until the selection committee found DeJong.

The two B of G representative students are presently attempting to get open board meetings. A motion to that effect, introduced at last Friday's meeting, was tabled until the next meeting.

Board meetings are held on the first Friday of every month.

Jan DeJong is working with GSA and Students' Union on a resolution defining the role of GSA and graduate students in the university. GSA is not mentioned in the Universities Act.

The Board of Governors is an administrative body of the university having authority over distribution of finances, and university physical and academic development.

The board has 14 voting members drawn from business, university administration and faculty. Students obtained representation on the board after a request by B of G to Students' Union last sum-

mer. The students have no vote: this requires a change in The Universities Act.

The Students' Union is presently waiting for the provincial government to act to change the act.

Thus, says Miss Pilkington, the two students will be "representative students" rather than "student representatives."

"God help me if I'm a representative student," says DeJong.

Jan DeJong was chosen for other reasons according to the selection committee. He was chosen because he is "not closely aligned with any specific campus groups," said Miss Pilkington.

At the Wednesday meeting of the selection committee, three of the seven committee members were outnumbered by other students, mainly SDU members.

Discussion of DeJong's role polarized into a conversation between Pilkington defending Students' Union policy and the SDU, led by John Bordo, who questioned the representative being appointed and Students' Union bowing to a B of G request which did not involve voting power.

"You're accepting the fact that they have authority and legitimizing it," said Bruce McClellan, sci 3.

"It's not a question of talking, it's a question of structure," said Bordo.

When the committee abandoned discussion of student power and the committee began to tell DeJong his duties, the student bystanders left.

Com students invade quiet Dow protest

SASKATOON (CUP)—A group of 75 students sat in at the Canada Manpower Centre at the University of Saskatchewan Tuesday to protest DOW chemical recruitment on campus.

They filed into the office at 9 a.m. and sat down on counters, desks and the floor. The interview procedure was not interfered with and office routine continued as smoothly as could be expected.

The group was addressed by Dr. Howard Adams, Metis leader and Dr. Ed Hahood, a professor of education.

The protest was peaceful until about 2:30 p.m. when some 50 commerce students invaded the already clogged office to remove the

demonstrators. Several were dragged out before the commerce students were cooled down by demonstrators and convinced to leave.

Saskatoon campus principal W. R. Begg met with a delegation of the demonstrators and promised to establish a student-faculty-administration committee to study on-campus recruitment by companies making war materials.

The demonstrators left the office late in the afternoon but continued to protest outside the hall. They moved to emphasize the non-disruptive nature of their action.

They plan to stay there until DOW recruiters leave Thursday after they talk to approximately 25 graduating students.

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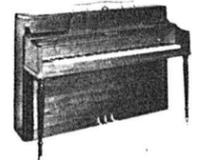
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