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STAFF THIS ISSUE—It seems The Gateway human resources are very flexible; maybe we should see Bob Clarke about that or get some one to ask a question in the legislature. But anyway those that came included Bev Bayer, Marg Bolton, Leona Gom, Glenn Cheriton, Bernie Goedhart, Dennis Fitzgerald, Rich Vivone (who found out there are mitigating circumstances concerning Her and She is not to blame for the breakdown in communications); Gary Unterschultz, Reg Moncrieff, Bill Kankewitt, Bob Schmidt, Gerry Buccini, Marcia McCallum, Jim Muller, Chuck Lyall, Jim Peachey, Ken Hutchinson, Al Fries, Hiroto Saka, multi other weird little kids, and your ever faithful, curling simple servant, yours truly Harvey G. Thomgirt.

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a little work never hurt

The Students for a Democratic University have finally made their intentions known; according to one of their members, they are interested in "educating, not controlling".

It is debatable whether or not the noon-hour performances in the SUB theatre lobby are educating anyone, but the statement seems to us to be a poor excuse for not entering SDU candidates in the students' union general elections.

The SDU members have a lot of ideas—some good, some still very questionable. But it is impossible to divorce ideas from action.

If the group is really concerned about educating the student population and creating an "atmosphere of awareness", they should have run candidates in the elections.

In this way, they could have determined whether or not any of their ideas are getting across to people and whether or not students on this campus are, in fact, aware of and interested in the issues the SDU cares about.

While the Students for a Demo-

cratic University group is new on campus, its ideas certainly aren't. The same ideas have been talked about under different names for several years.

But, the SDU, as many of its predecessors, will not achieve serious recognition if they continue their present system of presenting their ideas.

We could not agree more fully with them that they need to articulate within their own group. The noon-hour "seminars" are a farce because very few of the group members seem to know what they are there for.

The members who are genuinely concerned about changing the university should consolidate their ideas and present them in a logical program of action.

It is very difficult to take a group seriously when all that is ever seen of them is their most loud-mouthed members spouting off obscenities and inanities day after day.

Non-members are not going to line up for membership cards just because some of the SDU people



they've even put old catalogues in the washrooms

make loud accusations that everyone who does not belong is an "organ of the establishment".

Once these people sit down quietly and think through some of their

ideas and plan intelligent discussion seminars and public meetings, they will be recognized and respected.

Until then, they're just a bunch of sensational rabble-rousers.

now they tell us

Tuition fees are going up, and there doesn't seem to be much anybody can do about it now.

As Dr. Johns said, the only people who could reverse the decision now are the members of the legislature, and it takes a lot to shake politicians.

But, Brian McDonald has re-emphasized a theory he expressed earlier: the university may not have cut its budget as much as it could have before it made its request to the Universities Commission.

It seems ironic that in the university administrative branches there are not enough people skilled enough to draw up a reasonable budget including necessary cuts.

The increased tuition fee will not directly give the students a higher-quality education; the money is going somewhere in the operative process of this institution, and there are a lot of questions as to whether or not this spending is necessary.

Students could write letters to their MLA's until hell froze over, but some of the incentive is gone when they realize it's not the government's fault; "if anything is to blame for the increase it's inflation and the universities for increasing costs." (McDonald)

It would certainly be more encouraging to have the university on our side.

the dull, dull leadership race

By RICH VIVONE

The sun was streaming through the black, net-like curtains of the Students' Union Building. People were lounging all around the place. They were getting well-acquainted with the foamy chairs so useful for supporting the tired and the lazy.

From the distant doors emerged a young lady. She is called Marilyn Pilkington and she is quite different from most women on this campus. Miss Pilkington wears clothes beautifully and she isn't afraid to smile. And she possesses that one incredibly rare intangible—class. That's why she is so easy to locate in any crowded room.

A friend greeted her with a smile and a 'hello'.

"Hi" she replied. "How are you?"

"Not too bad, not too bad at all," was the response.

"By the way, Marilyn," the friend asked, "is there any truth to the rumor that you might run for president?"

She took some time to answer. "Well," she said, "I was thinking of studying law at the University of Toronto."

With Marilyn's candidacy uncertain, a sigh of relief could be heard on second floor of the building. Various other prospective candidates allowed themselves to relax for a time. Suddenly campaign managers were back in business. The sun never shone more brightly—on second floor SUB.

The delightfulness reigned for several weeks. Then, abruptly, the world ceased to revolve. Hell froze over. The moon and some faces turned blue.

Marilyn Pilkington decided she was not going to Toronto but rather that she was going to make a dash for the president's chair. The atmosphere was noticeably different—on second floor SUB.

Campaign managers were now unemployed. Last Wednesday at 2 p.m., which was the deadline for applicants to file nomination papers for the president's seat, only one person had entered. Marilyn Pilkington was president of the Students' Union and all she had to do to get the job was to say she was in the fight.

Marilyn will be a good president. She is probably more familiar with the political channels of this university than any other student. Marilyn is so efficient you want to cry. It is also fairly certain that no matter who opposed her in the election, she would be the ultimate winner.

But one minute situation is astonishing. There are a number of advocates of socialism, student power and of the student's democratic university on this campus. Where, people are wondering, were they when the time for action arrived?

A lot of the bearded types and guitar players have been running off at the mouth about the 'time for action' and 'we want to run the university'. These people who publicly display themselves at odd hours on second floor SUB lounge had the chance of a lifetime.

But no. They want to talk and sing songs and be unhappy. They like to wear dirty shirts, beards and they like to be cynical and say they really don't want to infiltrate your mind. They want to get paid for going to university and all they want to do is talk, talk, talk.

These people in all their forms had better realize that the only way to get things done is through work and sweat.

Like Marilyn said later when she discovered that the opposition was non-existent, "It's too bad."

Yes, it is. But I don't think she realized exactly how bad—and sad.