

An open letter to the Student Defence Committee

To Members of the Student Defence Committee:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 1st, 1969, and the enclosed list of requests which you wish to have considered by General Faculty Council. As promised at our meeting of February 28, 1969, I have made the attempt to have a meeting of General Faculty Council take place as soon as possible, and am pleased to report that the Executive Committee of General Faculty Council has called for a special meeting of General Faculty Council to take place under specified conditions.

After careful consideration, I have decided to disqualify myself as Chairman of the Tenure Appeals Committee, and to enter fully the discussions taking place concerning the tenure hearings of Dr. S. Fisher and Dr. D. Whiteside. By Sunday night, March 2, a reasonable proposal, which I could support, had been submitted to the A.A.S.U.A. by Professors Fisher and Whiteside. Indeed, without naming all the people involved, I should say that support in principle for the proposal has been obtained from those centrally connected with these tenure hearings.

On Monday, March 3, the Executive of General Faculty Council met to consider the proposals of Drs. Fisher and Whiteside and the requests submitted to me by your group. The following decisions were made.

1. The Fisher-Whiteside tenure cases were sufficiently urgent to justify calling a special meeting of General Faculty Council, to be held either March 10 or March 11. (The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11.)
2. All matters concerned with the broader and more general policies of the University should come up in the usual way at regular meetings of General Faculty Council.

3. In order to provide interested groups the chance to hear, and possibly participate in, the debate, the seats in the gallery would be allotted in the following way:

- (a) 12 seats to the members of the Student Defence Committee;
 - (b) 12 seats to the Students' Union;
 - (c) 12 seats to the A.A.S.U.A.;
 - (d) 3 seats reserved for Professors Fisher, Whiteside, and Hirabayashi;
 - (e) the remainder of the seats to be reserved for the news media.
4. The possibility of closed circuit television coverage should be investigated.
 5. The meeting will be held in the General Faculty Council Chamber, and will begin at 2 p.m. and must end by 5:30 p.m.
 6. The agenda of the special meeting will be:
 - (a) Procedures to be adopted by General Faculty Council for the special meeting;
 - (b) The Fisher-Whiteside tenure cases.
 7. During the discussion on procedures the following suggestions will be made:
 - (a) That the Student Defence Committee, the Students' Union, and the A.A.S.U.A. be invited to have two spokesmen represent each group, and each speaker be allowed to speak for five minutes.
 - (b) That, in the subsequent debate, the Chairman be free to recognize the speakers mentioned above

for a second time, with the right, however, to give preference to a member of General Faculty Council wishing to speak for the first time.

Since the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of General Faculty Council are not yet available, I have written completely from memory. As far as I can tell, the above is an accurate, but probably incomplete, record of the decisions that were made. In any event, the actual minutes will be circulated. For the remainder of this letter, I speak for myself.

The fact that there exist confidential files at this University is itself no secret. Students and staff make these files confidential as soon as they are set up by giving the University the names of people to whom the University can write on a confidential basis. The question of open or closed files, and access to these files, will be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting of General Faculty Council. My suggestion will be that committees of staff and students be formed to examine the nature of the material being collected, and with this knowledge to recommend a policy to General Faculty Council.

With respect to the matter of criteria for tenure, there does exist a Standing Committee of General Faculty Council, and this matter will be referred to that Committee. As a matter of fact, the Committee has prepared a questionnaire that is now ready for circulation concerning areas of difficulty in tenure procedures. Copies of this questionnaire might be obtained from the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. D. F. Cameron. My own position on this matter is now on public record.

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Beefs and bouquets . . .

What we think of some guys

This is the last column of the year and time to pay our last respects to as many students on campus as is possible through the best of all mediums—this newspaper.

For openers, let's have a look at what has been accomplished on campus since September, 1968. If you read the local rag from across the river, Marilyn Pilkington, outgoing students' union president, has been having trouble with the "radicals". Radicals, left wingers, what have you—they are all the same.

Now Marilyn is quoted as saying "I am fed up with the attitude that only the left wing students have developed well-considered policies and analyses about the society in which we live. Moderate students have consistently and clearly articulated the point of view that change can be achieved through orderly processes of democracy."

Okay. Let's have a look at what the last regime accomplished. Marilyn's platform in the campaign of '68 including the following points:

- reorganization of students' council
- action on campus problems: housing, parking, study facilities.
- encouragement and support of faculty organizations to decentralize student activities and concerns along a broader base.
- more opportunities for examination of issues and exporation of ideas: more speakers, debates, forums, teach-ins.

There were other points too. Using her democratic process, Marilyn managed to accomplish the following:

- council has not been reorganized at all. There are two vice-presidents instead of the former one; but that's the limit. Large faculties are still saddled with one vote; there is no representation by population.

- you still can't park within walking distance from campus. But now a university-owned parkade is scheduled to be completed

by next Christmas—a university parkade; not a students' union parkade. Housing is still in a committee stages—like almost everything else.

- no decentralization of power. Board of Governor and General Faculty Council reps will be appointed by personnel board. That's not decentralization of power. And it is understood that the bill amending The Universities Act will include a phrase designating students' council to appoint the reps.

That's her democracy in action — nothing done.

But for bouquets, we would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Jon Bordo and his crew of activists who lived up to their name and provided the liveliest news on campus this year. And thanks to the other 15,000 students who let it happen.

Bouquets to all those who submitted short shorts and forgot to tell us what day and what place the gatherings would be held.

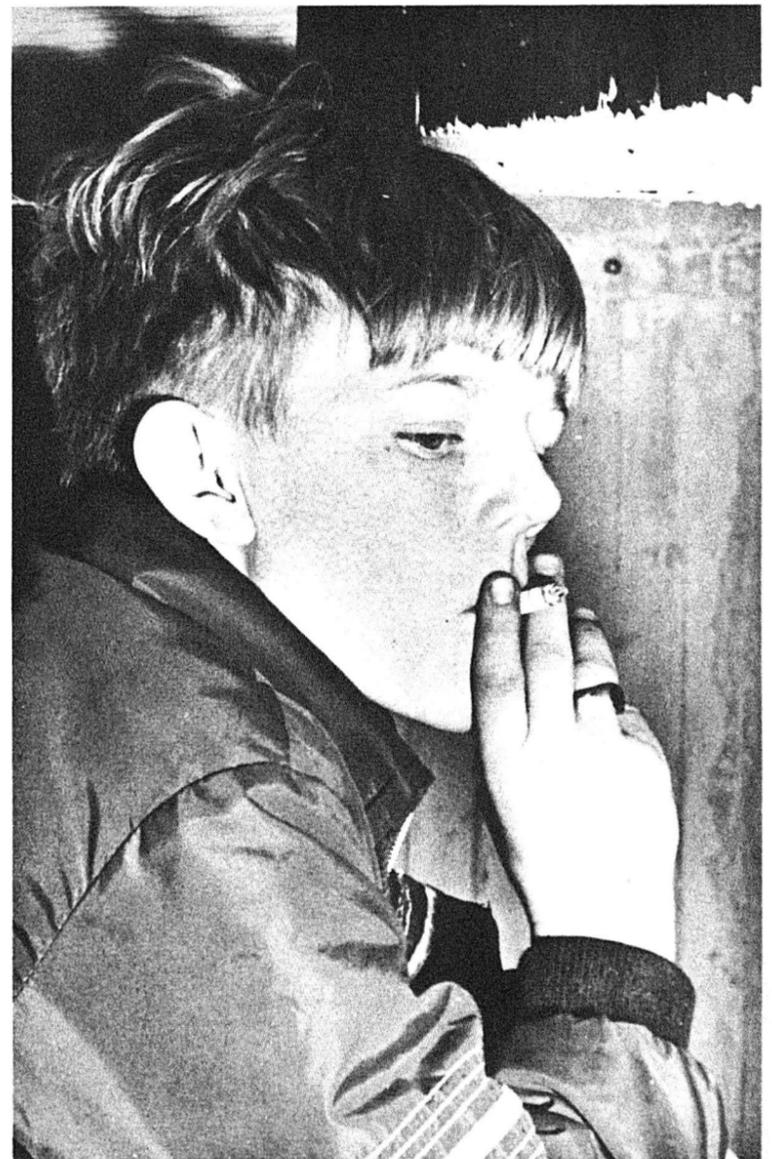
Bouquets to all those who think it is The Gateway's responsibility to publish their events. And we thank them for letting us know about these events at least three days in advance.

Bouquets to the printing services who protected the morality of students by refusing to print all the smut which should have appeared before your very own eyes.

Bouquets to a future wife who provided the best criticism of this newspaper in my four years on campus. Thank God for some women.

Bouquets (sincerely) to the staff who put up with all the static, hair pulling, uncouth language, but who came through consistently when it was least expected. No editor in the past four years has had the privilege of working with so many dedicated people.

And bouquets to ourselves for putting out what one prominent person said was "the best Gateway in ten years".



—Terry Melanchuk photo

DON'T LAUGH. THERE WERE SOME YOUNGER—at the dance Friday with the Blacksnake Blues Band Cat Squirrel. If the university were to register all the under 12-year-olds in classes maybe we would have an enrolment of about 300,000. Just think how easy it would be to pay off all the damage due to vandalism.