

# Grad students refuse demands; sociology department troubled

By DAN JAMIESON

Although the sounds of student power and intra-faculty name calling which were prompted by the appointment of an all-powerful executive committee in the sociology department last Nov. 18 have all but died away, the sociology department wounds show no sign of healing.

The now infamous Nov. 18 meeting created a deep split in the faculty, and was seen as a threat to potential grad student representation in the department.

More than 150 students marched on the Tory building on Nov. 29 to emphasize student uneasiness over the move, and the sociology staff aired their differences at an open meeting of the Student's Emergency Action Committee Dec. 3.

At a meeting held Dec. 10, sociology grad students voted to

accept the two seats on the new executive committee offered by the staff, provided two conditions were met. The committee has rejected the first condition.

The conditions were:

- "Any two members of the executive committee be empowered to call a meeting of the whole, students and staff, to make a final decision on any issue, according to the 2/3 staff-1/3 student voting formula" decided on Dec. 16.

- "Employment strategies for academic staff be defined as a major issue."

Though the committee met the latter condition by releasing a general policy statement on the department's employment strategies, they refused to accept the former condition.

"We (the executive committee) believe that the committee, like other duly constituted bodies, should be bound by the will of a majority, not a minority of its members," was the official reply made in a statement sent by the committee to the grad students.

The committee statement went on to suggest that the grad students would be given three days in which to contact their constituents, and discuss matters of concern with them.

The graduate students claim that there are too many grad students and facilities for communication between them are not good enough to allow them to get in touch with everyone in only three days.

Peter Boothroyd and Pat Bourgette, the representatives elected by the grad students are waiting until the grad students clarify their position and accept or reject the executive committee's statement in a meeting to be held Jan. 14 to see if they should take their seats or not.

Moussa Khalidi has resigned his post as co-ordinator of the Sociology Graduate Students Association in order to pave the way for a re-organization of the association which will include the two representatives to the executive committee which will get under way in the Jan. 14 meeting.

The executive committee is anx-

ious to get the matter of student representation cleared up.

"The executive committee is meeting now only on emergency matters, and are holding off any policy decisions until we can get them, (the grad students), involved," said Gordon Hirabayashi, head of the department, in an interview Wednesday.

He went on to say the executive committee had a lot of ground to cover between now and March 15, at which time the committee is expected to present a set of recommendations regarding a new departmental structure, which is to include grad student representation and participation.

Grad students emphasized that if they send representatives to the executive committee, their entry into departmental politics will be made "with the knowledge that grad student participation in the operation of the department is required and in no way is meant to imply that the grad students have assumed a position regarding the faculty dispute."

Prof. Seth Fisher has been asked to resign his post as chairman of the Staff Selection Committee as a result of a memo sent to the new executive in which he stated that he would continue to chair the committee, but that he could only work with the new executive "under strong protest."

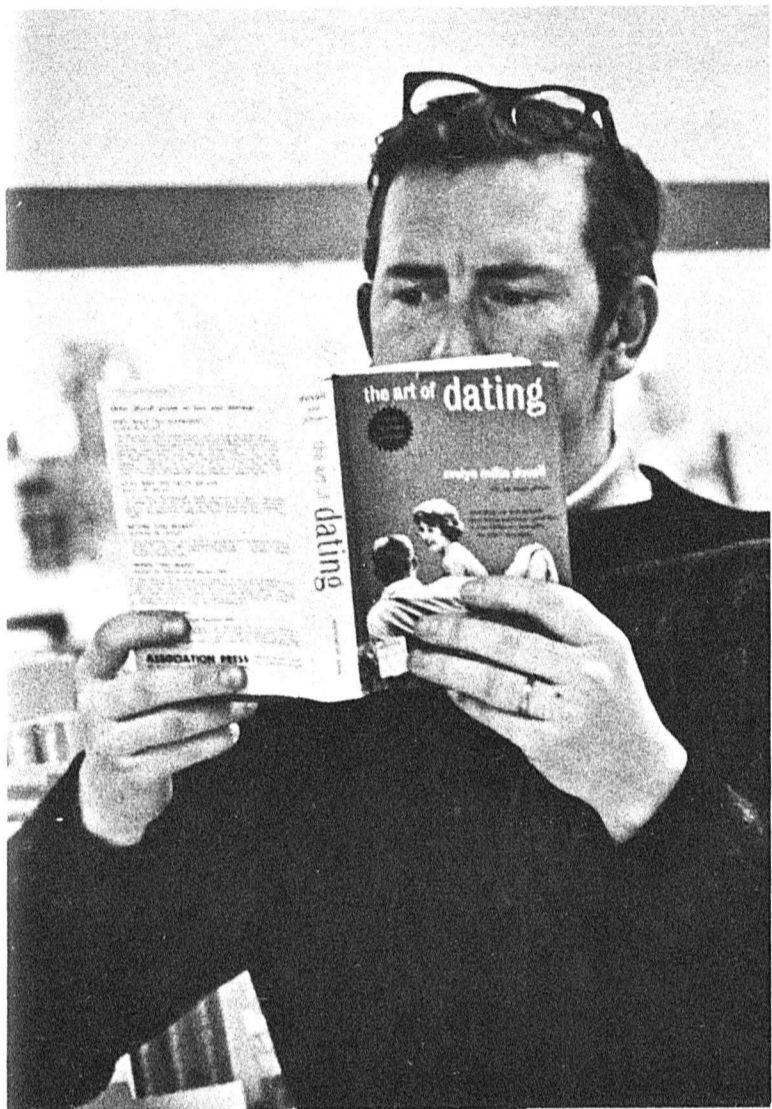
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# Art union born after stormy conception

By ELAINE VERBICKY

A union of all arts students is about to be born after a month of labor pains for the arts faculty.

Every student taking a course in arts, even if it is only compulsory first year English, is asked to attend a general meeting Thursday at 2 p.m. in Con Hall, to assist at the public birth of a representative union.

The conception of an arts union occurred at a teach-in last December on problems in the faculty.

Since then, mass meetings have nursed the idea along.

The Thursday meeting, to be chaired by Ron MacDonald, arts 3, will consider a unionization proposal from a student working committee which met during Christmas break.

Suggested objectives of a union are:

- student representation on arts faculty committees and other committees of student interest

- formation of an identifiable arts student organization or collectivity

- effective consideration of individual student grievances against administration, registration, professors and courses

- action in the general interest of arts students.

Each department under the faculty of arts will organize its students and appoint a department representative to an executive committee of an arts union. The executive committee will prepare agendas and collect suggestions for regular general arts meetings, at which the whole union mem-

ber will vote on proposed action.

This is the working committee's proposal for unionization. It is open to discussion and change at Thursday's meeting.

Said MacDonald, "I hope the meeting will help the working committee work itself out of a job. I don't see why we can't have a union before the end of term."

The union, as proposed, would study issues of broad concern to students.

The relative merits of teaching methods used in arts, such as the lecture or seminar method and an exam-stanine system, would be investigated and an opinion expressed to the administration.

The union would study university involvement in the surrounding community and consider setting up "free school" seminars, student-run, on subjects not included in the regular curriculum.

The working committee proposals won support from Prof. J. Terfloth, head of the Arts Faculty Committee on Student Representation.

"Over all, this is a perfectly positive approach," he commented. "The idea the faculty is renegade and conservative is just not true. This proposal will meet with a lot of sympathy from the faculty."

"The objectives outline areas where the students ought to be concerned and ought to be involved," he added.

Arts dean D. E. Smith commented, "If arts students can organize a viable body, it would be an excellent thing. I would be glad to advise people from this group if asked."

## Council meets Monday

The next student's council meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Some of the more important topics to be discussed include: the university fund raising campaign, the question of what amount grad students should pay for Students' Union privileges and the suspension of Students' Union activity fees at U of S Regina campus.

There will also be discussion on the student reps that were invited to sit on the committee to chose Dr. Johns' successor.

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