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STAFF THIS ISSUE—Greetings, boys and girls, kiddies and pals, and even readers. The year starts off with a bang (What do you mean you want the paper in by 5 pm???) and the bangers included: Beth Nilsen, Barry Carter, Jerry Lewiski, Cathy Morris, Ken Campbell, Janice McPhail, Bob Christie, Peggi Selby, Brian Campbell, Dale Rogers, Orest Rusnok, Opey, Bob Helloch, a little pussy (never hurt anybody) and yours truly Harvey G. (who hasn't had any) Thomgirl.

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Students incompetent?

It appears the only people on this campus who know how to commission an attractive building are the students.

The university, which should have \$135,000,000 available for capital projects over the next few years, would do well to consult those students before it builds another biological sciences fortress or Tory bunker.

Judging by its past record, there is not only no virtue in consistency, it's downright immoral.

There are two buildings at the university which can be classed as attractive. One of them, SUB, the students planned; the other is the

clinical sciences building in front of the University Hospital.

So we see that the university does know something about buildings after all. Our only question is why that impressive structure stands alone in its beauty.

And it is not near enough to the university for students to appreciate its gleaming exterior. What is so ghastly near to them and all those unfortunate apartment dwellers across the river is that medieval thing they call biological sciences.

But then, we all know the students are not capable of shouldering the running of such an important part of the university's structure.

Welcome frosh

It is traditional for this newspaper to print a Welcome Frosh editorial

so here goes—Welcome Frosh.

At last, at last . . .

Two particularly fascinating publications have made their appearance on campus, both under the auspices of students' council.

They are both handbooks and one of them, the Student Handbook, is being distributed with this issue of Gateway. The other is the Birth Control Handbook distributed by Wauneita Society at registration.

While many will consider the utterly candid book on birth control the biggest leap for council, the Student Handbook represents at least as significant a change in stance.

It was a long hot summer in the student executive offices, a summer filled with debate and the atmosphere of change. The council is attempting to move students here and has come so far as student-control-

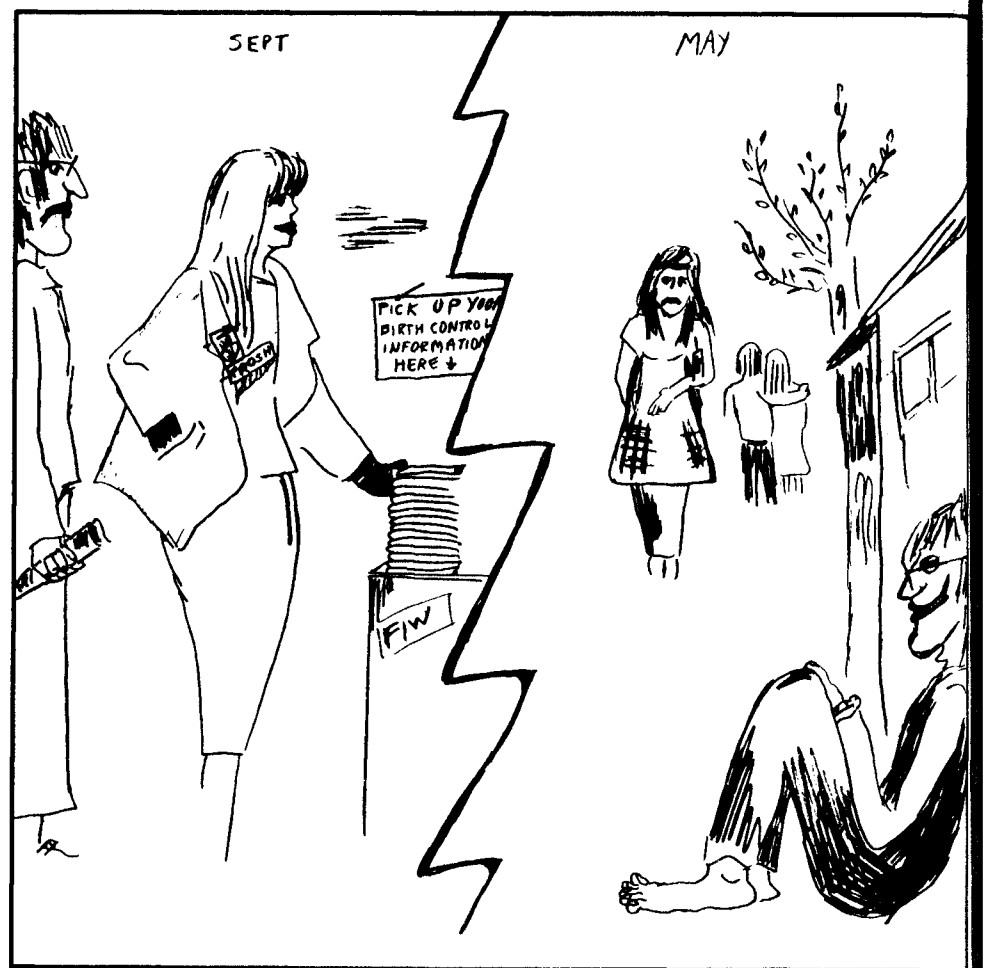
led handbooks, vending machines, cafeterias and residences.

The Student Handbook is a reliable indicator of that change and should be read on those grounds alone.

What's more, it is a typical Brian Campbell production: cantankerous, snotty, funny, fresh, downright nasty sometimes, in the main hypocrisy-free, all-in-all an excellent book.

Those uninitiated in the ways of handbooks will just have to imagine the contrast between this one that lives and last year's which tells you how to place your knife beside your plate at a banquet and just how crumpled your napkin should be at the end of the meal.

Things are happening and it's good.



How long are just words enough?

If you can't groove "U" at least groove people

By PEGGI SELBY

Welcome Frosh! . . . welcome to the University of Alberta and what may turn out to be one of the most rewarding periods of your life.

You have many reasons to be apprehensive as you begin this segment of your respective lives. What lies ahead of you? . . . three or four years of studies—courses you may not like, profs who may never know you as anything but one among thousands?

Is this all you can see in your future? Are you content to go through your years of schooling that lie ahead and leave nothing behind your ID Number?

Do you really believe that there is no other way?

If you have read what your student leaders have told you in your Student Handbook and can accept that which you have read as Gospel, then read no farther . . . the next paragraphs are for the non-believers . . .

First—let's face the facts—the university is truly a society within our society; made up of over 18,000 students—and it's easy to become lost among 18,000 people.

But . . . is it necessary? No! It is not!

It's not easy to identify with a group as large as the one labelled "U of A Students" but within that group are hundreds of smaller groups—everything from fraternities with their specific rules and exact number of members through various service groups like CKSR and The Gateway with a looser organization but a job to do, to the Koffee-Klatchers—who meet after one class or another

for coffee and conversation in SUB.

The one main thing that all these groups have in common is that you can be something other than a computer card. Within the group, you become a person, a name that goes with your face, an individual in your own right.

Having people know your name may not seem important till you've sat in a class of nearly five hundred in the Tory Turtle and wondered whether or not the prof knew anyone was there.

O.K. So you join a group of some sort; now what? Be forewarned that it is very easy to lose your individualism and become only a copy of the group image. This you should avoid at all costs.

Remember, you joined the group to retain your self. It is more than likely that you, as a single member of a group, will learn more from your discussions over coffee than from all the time-worn lectures the university has to offer.

One last word of warning—don't become so involved in the group that you lose all touch with the university system. It may be possible to write that 700-word English essay on Chaucer the night before it is due; but . . . that 3,000-word term paper is another story. Find your own balance of work and play; enough work to keep the anxiety level down and the profs reasonably happy.

Remember—there are 18,000 students here and every one of them is just as lonely and just as lost as you. Reach out to some of us and . . . welcome to the University of Alberta.

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