

GFC meetings may be opened

Resolution to go before general meeting Oct 28

A resolution allowing The Gateway and other university students to observe General Faculty Council meetings was approved Wednesday by the executive of that council.

The resolution will now be discussed by the entire council at its next regular monthly meeting Oct. 28. To become a university regulation, the resolution must be passed by a simple majority. Similarly, it could be rejected.

However, the resolution does not allow the general news media or the public to observe the meetings. Reasons for this were not available at press time.

Earlier this year, GFC rejected a similar move to have meetings open to the press. Recent written submissions to GFC by The Gate-

way and by students' union president Marilyn Pilkington spurned the move by council to reconsider the issue. Miss Pilkington is one of three student representatives on the 60-plus member board. The others are Richard Watson, president of the grad students association and Phil Ponting, students' union treasurer in 1967-68 and new president of the Alberta Association of Students.

"I think it is a move in the right direction," said Miss Pilkington. "I'm glad they reversed their decision after they heard the case put forward by the students' union and The Gateway. It shows a willingness on the part of the GFC executive to incorporate the principle of open decision-making into the workings of the GFC."

"I would still prefer the meetings to be open to the press and the public," she said. "I hope all students will make use of the opportunity to attend GFC meetings and become more aware of university issues which concern them and make their views known to their student representatives."

Dr. Walter Johns, university president and chairman of the GFC, was non-committal on the move. When asked if GFC would approve the resolution, he said "you know me, I don't issue edicts". He was referring to a Gateway editorial which labelled his Memorandum on Student Conduct an "edict".

In addition, the agenda for each meeting will be posted in advance on a bulletin board in the Students' Union Building.

GFC, according to The Universities Act, is responsible for the academic affairs of the university. Among its powers are the following: to determine all courses of study offered by the university for credit, standards and policies respecting the admission of persons to the university as students, to consider and make decisions on the reports of faculty councils as to the appointment of examiners and the conduct and results of examinations.



—Dennis Little photo

IT'S FANTASTICK!—This musical comedy presented by the Jubilaire's Club opens tonight and Saturday and continues October 25 and 26. "The Fantasticks" opened off Broadway in 1960 and is still running, setting a new record for the longest run with every performance. According to advance report "The Fantasticks" is the best production ever sponsored by Jubilaires. Tickets costing \$1.50 are on sale at the SUB ticket booth, Allied Arts at the Bay and at the door.

Staff fights U of M secrecy

WINNIPEG (CUP) — University of Manitoba students were given more ammunition in their battle to open senate and board meetings when the Association of Academic Staff (AAS) of the university last week voted to support the openness principle.

University government machinery at Manitoba has been jammed for a month because of a student council refusal to select student senators until senate and board meetings are opened.

A position letter by AAS president C. M. Dowse said: "There are two general principles one can adopt towards secrecy in a university community.

"There is the 'need to know' principle, according to which everything is secret unless one can justify one's need to know.

"There is the opposite view that nothing should be secret or confidential unless one can justify the need for secrecy. The appropriate attitude for a university to adopt is the second one."

The senate and board have been reconstituted under The University of Manitoba Act passed by the provincial legislature last year and cannot meet until students sit on the senate.

Lunch well-fed

The Hunger Lunch raised \$224.89 for the Canadian Save the Children Fund held October 10.

N. Parker-Jervis, chairman of the Hunger Lunch Committee, on behalf of Club Internationale, WUSC and the University Parish wish to thank all donors and workers for their cooperation.

Sinc challenges Pilkington to debate

By LAURIE KOSTEK

Glenn Sinclair has challenged Marilyn Pilkington to a future debate after the first Little Hyde Park speak-in in SUB theatre Wednesday.

"I challenge Pilkington," said Sinclair at the end of the debate. "We want to know just what is going on at students' council this year."

Such an affront indicates a repeat performance of Little Hyde

Park, with perhaps more student involvement desired.

With an estimated 200 people in attendance, the speak-in turned to a bitch-in and was relatively successful. Slow to start activity was really sparked when a bearded blond student took the spotlight and began to spout off on the glories of drugs and acid versus alcohol. Debates continued on a variety of topics including the "morality" of seat belts to American involvement in Viet Nam.

Sparks began to fly when Glenn Sinclair and coordinator of student activities Don McKenzie joined in. They were occasionally at each other's throats over the relevance of the Canadian Union of Students and occasionally blued the air with their opinions about students' council.

Ken Murray, acting president of the Debating Society, said "We are a little disappointed with the turnout, but we feel that with time and publicity things will improve."

He also indicated the society is considering a repetition of Little Hyde Park on a more regular basis.

Overwork reason for poor COSA attendance

Apathy is not only a student problem.

The Council on Student Affairs (COSA) meeting commenced Tuesday evening with only eight of the thirteen statutory members present. The lack of enthusiasm was attributed to the "over-worked" membership.

The major topic of discussion was students' union-Graduate Students' Association relations.

The students' union and the Graduate Students' Association are at odds over their relationship. The students' union considers graduate students a part of their union while the graduate students feel that the Graduate

Students' Association is an independent organization. The graduate students question the right of the students' union to levy a union fee upon them.

A separate meeting between the two organizations would be a better way to iron out their differences, they determined.

A seminar project proposed by the students' union was accepted with some hesitation. The final consensus was COSA would be in agreement with the project calling for the suspension of classes for two half-days and they asked that General Faculty Council cooperate in this matter.