ANONYMOUS COLUMNIST LASHES

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I've wanted to write something about what's going on at this University for a long time.

It's rather less a matter of something going on and more like nothing going on; or perhaps it's that the things that are going on are just so destructive.

Instead of a union which has some semblance of being a coming-together (union) we have a stage one/stage two redevelopment — a monstrous surgical operation on the delicate student body (that's me). And it hurts.

The New Union Buildings reek of that imposed coziness of redbrick, exposed beams and "natural rustic" ceilings which are the planners' ways of saying "Feel-at-home-here even if it's nothing like you'd like it to feel." It feels as if it was planned, and planned with no human-real-student contact. The massive lounges were created with as much imagination as New York City, but possess none of the humanity that even NYC manages.

That towering building looming over our heads is empty, and has almost been designed around the question: well, we've got this space, what will we fill it with? And you know what we're getting: art and craft rooms — as if a student community can be created around a 1920's arty-crafty idea of weaving and making clay pots.

Raiph Middenway's folly — though perhaps he, too, is trapped by forces he doesn't understand and for which he can't be held responsible.

As I've been writing this - in the Barr Smith Library, near the main circulation desk — a small man, looking rather like I imagine a gopher would look, (he's come back since, and on second thoughts he's definitely more rodent-like) and wearing a walkie-talkie strapped to his belt has rattled his bundle of keys before every door within hearing. He's straight out of Midnight Cowboy.

It's not his fault. The place demands such activity. Long corridors where you've met whoever-at-the-otherend long before you can say anything to them; regiments of heavy metal book shelves where the only concessions (concessions which condemn) are wood-grain ends; carpeted floors to provide noise insulation because the air-conditioning is too loud and the ceilings too low.

If the planners of this building want some consumer feedback on this building, then f--- them!

I just don't come here much any more. I realise now that the lady who jumped to her death off the Fisher building last year wasn't mad, or having-a-nervous-breakdown, or any other herfault-bourgeois-individual explanations. She was, perhaps, a poet, and her poem-her last-was a quite understandable and real comment on the

How many more students will have to be sacrificed to this whole business before we wake up to what is going on? How many students have destroyed themselves — emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, if not physically — so far this year?

Administration paid student counsellors are hardly the answer.

This University, the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia, 5001, has the lack of humour to present a lecture entitled On Human

Communication — Art, Science or Technology? by a Professor Colin Cherry, a Professor of Telecommunication, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London; and to put on the bottom of the publicity sheet "Cars may be parked on the lover level of the University (entry from Victoria Drive). A fee of 20c is charged for

Without wanting to blame the University, whose gesture in providing parking for us when we drive in in our cars can only be praised, I must ask whether they (or anyone) realize what we are doing to each other!!

I can't believe the Marxist who tells me that there are greedy people who run the whole show for their own benefit because of the destructive effect this has on my relationships; I could then only hate every second person I met, and hate of

them destroys my being.

Nor do I believe the "sexist" interpretation that it is all run by men for their own benefit, because I have talked to men and see them suf-

Isn't the warder just as much a prisoner? Is it Geoff Badger who is running this University, or is the WP-C's "dream campus" really a terrifying nightmare?

Can you tell us, Geoff? We want to know.

Anyhow, let's not pretend that this is a University.

o When a Professor confides, of a conversation with a colleague, that such intellectual contact occurs only once in ten

o when an administration celebrates its centennary by spotlighting three dozen trees in the University grounds (spiking the lights into the very trunks of the trees: ouch);

o when our union is amputated without an anaesthetic:

o when even a simple up-the-right channels request to put pin-ball machines in the Games Room is refused, saying "next year"

(I'm sorry, I can't live that long); o when the Student Counselling service advertises a Personal Development Laboratory and a Sensory Awareness Laboratory (please, Norm!) o when the Students Association C.E.C. can

really say of itself, on the front cover of ON DIT, "we like to call ourselves The Family" and get away with it!

o when the only place in the University where we can say what we really feel is on the wall of a locked toilet cubicle;

o when the most popular library seats are those that most finally isolate;

o when the library exit is through a supermarket turnstile, manned by a security man who checks that you haven't stolen any books; well, then I think it's time we call this place a factory and decide to do our living somewhere else.

Otherwise we should stop building wretched gopher-holes of buildings that demand that you deposit not only your bags and motorbike helmets, but also your soul outside, and try again to integrate both out curricular and ourselves into a university, where we can be whole and perhaps even occasionally happy.

Then maybe we could stop killing each other and ourselves.

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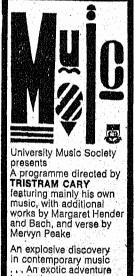
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NORMAN

Norman finds himself torn between the strong and conflicting undercurrents prevailing at this university. Typical issues include which model sweatshirt to buy; various facilities fronting up with their highly original and guaranteed fast-fading emblems.

For the less parochial, the traditional sweatshirt is making a comback, resplendent in blue or white with contrasting motif. More student interest and involvement, you say. Not bloody likely.

Tokenism is too kind an explanation for this phenomenon, since a uni, sweatshirt no longer rates even a ripple of disapproval in establishment bastions. More to the point, it is a symbol of alignment with the increasingly conservative, and lifeless character of the student body as a whole.

Radical action (remember that?) is confined to those heady individuals who courageously flaunt the edicts of the Sites and Grounds Committee. I watched, amazed, as the conveners of the plaza bicycle spectacular were peremptorily questioned as to whether they had permission to hold the race. Permission!!

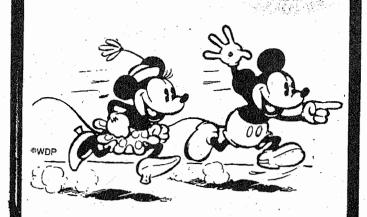
Now with such fundamental issues at stake, perhaps it is to be expected that our passions will not be inflamed. Yet it may go deeper than this. For the early sixties, our attention was turned outward, culminating in preoccupation with the first moon walk. We progressed to interest in the world at large, examplified by ecology and Vietnam, and now find ourselves well into the era of concern for the individual.

But hell, sturely not in the most selfish way. As in the past, isn't achievement in this area the aim, and not just in the limited terms of the Paper Chase?

Into the inexplicable void springs Neo-Genesis, which by virtue of vigour appear to be the main avenue offered for individual introspection. Objectively, it constitutes yet another revamp of an old story, which should not be taken as a criticism of our de-horned rhinoceros-cum-refectory floor show.

However, it does reflect the absence of any active exploration of alternatives for and by ourselves. Given that, we are failing miserably, since the quest for self-improvement is not synonomous with self-knowledge.

Why head this article with a male name? Surely the inclusion of m-a-n in people words is the norm we should strive to transcend.



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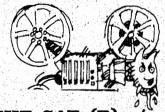
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