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DIVISION "B" NEWSLETTER

Thursday February 19, 1976

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// REMINDER - NEXT DIVISION, //
// B MEETING - WED. FEB. 25th //
//           12:00 - 1:00     //
//           LRC 4th Floor    //
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We are instituting a small, one-page newsletter to keep the members of Division B informed of happenings within the division. It, hopefully, will be a forum for people to air their views on local business. Please feel free to contribute anything you feel other members would be interested in. Please contact Penny Swanson or Jerry Andersen (preferably by note - phone in emergency) at Woodward Library. We will try to get the newsletter out one week in advance of the Division meeting. If your shop or unit did not receive enough copies for all members, please let us know. We are still trying to get an accurate, up to date members list of our division.

For your information:

- Kevin Grace - Division Steward - circulation - Woodward Library 2882
- Penny Swanson - Communications Rep. - Woodward Library - circulation 2882
- Jerry Andersen - Executive Rep. - Woodward Library - Tech. Process. 2750

PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR OUR CONTRACT COMMITTEE (FOR NEXT YEAR). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS, PLEASE CONTACT JERRY ANDERSEN AT 2570.

REMINDER = NEXT LOCAL # 1 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MARCH 11th, 5:15 pm BUCH. 106

Our Provincial Association is planning many new programmes in the future months, also a quarterly newsletter. If you have any articles or letters to submit, contact Melody Rudd (she is secretary-treasured) c/o our union office. The next Provincial Convention will be held on June 12 & 13 at the Holiday Inn. Our local must elect 10 delegates. If you are interested, contact Peggy at the Union Office.

The film 'Don't call me baby anymore' that we didn't get a chance to see at the last membership meeting (re: women and union involvement) will be shown at (tentatively): Buchanan 106, March 2, 12:30 and 1:30. It is a half hour movie, well worth seeing.

Nominations are still open for positions of alternates on the various standing committees: Job Evaluation, Pension Plan, Working Conditions, Sick Leave Study. If you are interested in working on these committees in any capacity whatsoever contact Peggy at the Union Office - 224-5613.

Our union has always been a participating democracy, where everyone has (and is encouraged to use) the right to come to all meetings and committees. However, if people don't come forward to volunteer to stand for election and to work on these committees, we simply will not be able to continue to function. Please, everyone, examine your schedules and see if you can possible help out. If

you cannot be an actual committee member, perhaps you could help out in other ways, eg. typing, research, organization etc. etc...

We are circulating a list of people who would like to volunteer to help with sending out the minutes of meetings, the agendas, the newsletter and all other kinds of work that has to be done in a group effort. If you can come occasionally, please put your name on the list. Many things are simply not being done in time (eg. the agenda for the January membership meeting did not reach the members before the meeting - this serves as notice of the meeting and must be out seven days in advance or the meeting should be cancelled!) The alternative is to get a mailing service to take over this work which will cost a lot of \$\$\$\$\$!

You should now all have received your 1975-76 Union Contract. Get to know it! This Contract is a binding agreement between the University and the Union. It explains your rights as well as your responsibilities. A thorough knowledge of our contract is invaluable to us as union members. An informed member is a protected member.

If you have any queries about the contract ask your steward or contact me (2882). It is vital that members with any problem about work contact a steward and discuss the problem. The Grievance Procedure is our only protection against violation of the contract. If you feel a violation has been committed by all means contact a steward. After all, this is what we're here for.

Finally, I would like to make a plea for greater membership participation in union affairs. There are many important committees and quite a few could use your help. Our participation is essential to the continued democracy and success of our union.

- Kevin Grace,
Division Steward

If you haven't received a copy of the new contract, contact Peggy in the Union Office 224-5613.

By now you will have received your copy of the "Across Campus - Special Strike Edition". Read it! Everything in it is of importance to every member of this Union.

We are sending copies of this to every person employed by the University. If anyone questions you about it or makes comment about the contents, remember, everything in it is fact.

If you have any questions about material in this newsletter, write them down and remember to ask about them at the next membership meeting (March 11th).

A Brief Report on the last Executive Meeting...

The main thrust of the executive at this moment is to "whip itself into shape." There have been criticisms from various individuals in the membership and a lot of self-criticism within the executive. With a view to remedying this situation (especially in the area of bettering membership meetings) several motions were passed. They are aimed at making the executive more responsible to the membership and at better methods of informing members of what is happening in all committees. It is felt that a well informed membership and more responsive executive will help promote greater participation in the union and therefore a stronger union.

If you want to see the executive at work, come to a meeting. They are all open to any member who wishes to attend. (The next one is Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1976).