

General Musings About a Variety of Things



editorial

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This week, for a change, I intend to devote this column to some general musings about a variety of things rather than one topic in particular. I guess that I have not been able to get anything together for my attention span appears to

have reduced itself to nothing.

I was more than a little gratified (ingratiated?) by Communications Officer-elect Elisabeth Burke about the quality of the newspaper being put out this year. She is, I guess, right. The only

thing I'd like to say is that I wish I could say that her friends were my friends.

I note that the average expenditure of candidates for the Conservative leadership is in the range of \$150,000 (Heward Grafftey boasted that he spent only \$50,000)...that's about a million total. Is it really necessary to follow the Americans in everything, including hoop-la?

I have never been quite able to understand why the Chinese are getting along so well with Richard Nixon. He is, after all, the only private citizen ever to visit the country and to be treated as a head of state. Does that mean they consider graft and corruption (not to mention imperialist war-mongering to be irrelevant to the question of who receives this singular honor? Or does it mean he is a force they understand? In any case, it

does mean that they consider him to be a friend of the Chinese people.

Why has there been no council meeting for three weeks? God knows, this paper contains little enough news.

Finally, I'd like to be able to hope that none of the candidates for election took my remarks in last week's editorial personally. They were not intended to so. Anyone who stands for public office opens himself to scrutiny and criticism by the press and others. However by that the same token that criticism should never be directed towards the person rather they should be directed towards the candidate.

We hope that everyone will take the criticism the way it was intended. Some of the worst candidates are some of the best people around.

Mail's Our Bag(Cont from page 8)

the persistent conditions of poverty - hunger, malnutrition, disease, poor housing, unemployment - which constitute a permanent disaster for millions of people.

At present the international


OXFAM relief team is concentrating its efforts in the villages of the San Martin and Tecpan areas. A team of fourteen doctors and nurses has been flown in. Houses made of plastic shee-

ting have been put up for over 30,000 people, and several tons of blankets have been provided. The relief team has also been organizing emergency feeding and water supply programmes, and has been working with local food co-operatives to deal with food shortages.

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put out an urgent appeal for 200,000 sheets of corrugated iron for roofing. The rainy season is very close. Without adequate shelter, the death toll may soar again.

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