

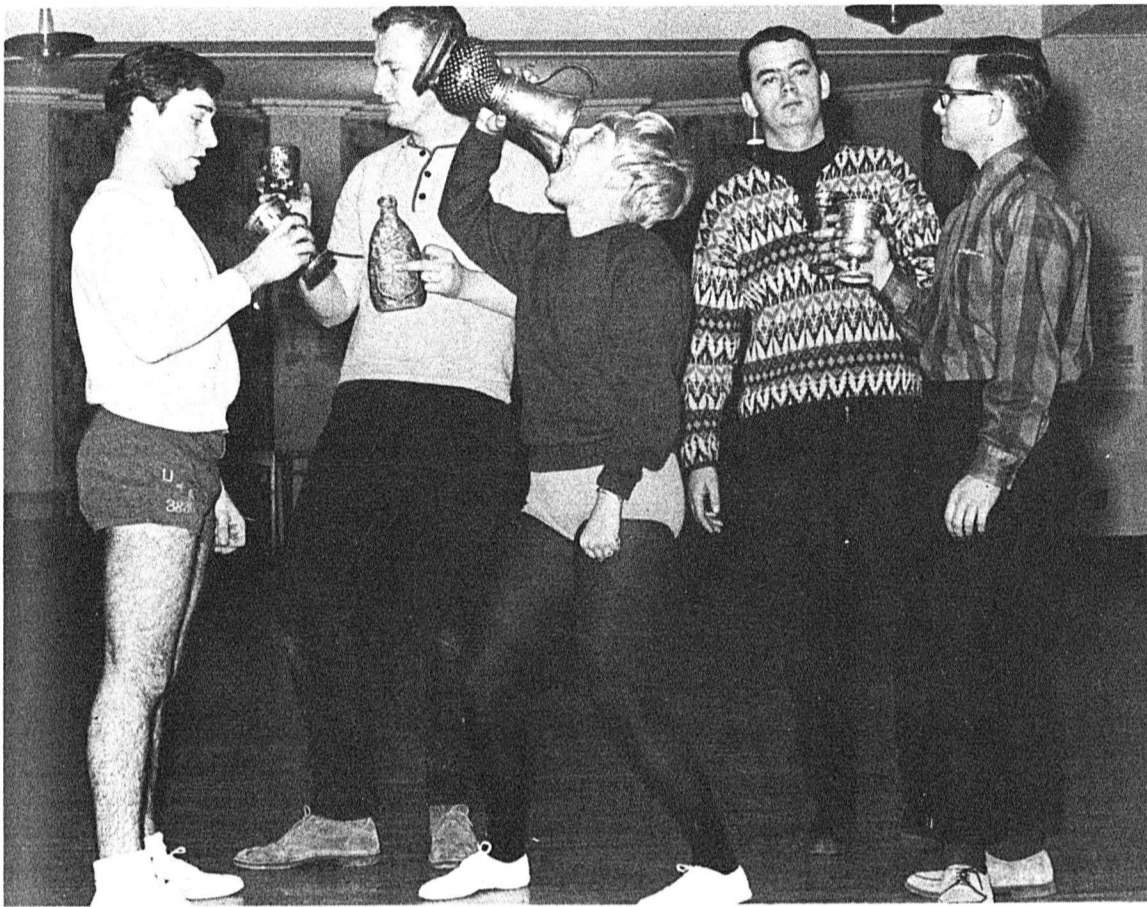
is a drama based  
on the dictionary

# The Gateway

a play on words?

VOL. LVII, No. 28, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON, CANADA

FRIDAY, JANUARY, 27, 1967, SIXTEEN PAGES



—Al Yackulic photo

**THE BIGGER THE VESSEL, THE MORE YOU GET, BOYS**—Anne Wheeler, cast for the lead role of the Princess in the upcoming Jubilaires production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, teaches some male cast members the fine art of drinking. They could learn more at a Photo-Directorate party.

## High school visitation project gets nod from youth minister

A U of A delegation presented the proposed high school visitation program to C. L. Usher, deputy minister of youth, Monday afternoon.

Members of the group were Dale Enarson, ed rep to council and chairman of the visitation program; Branny Schepanovich, students' union president; and Marilyn Pilkington, vice-president.

"We got everything we asked for," reported Enarson.

This included a grant of approximately \$7,800 to finance most of the project.

High school visitation will be a research project to determine why only 50 per cent of matriculants in Alberta are going on to higher education of any sort. It will be handled by a committee of the students' union, and the only outside government and university controls will be approval formalities.

"This project will be different from others before," commented Enarson, "in that instead of going out to preach our sermon, we will get facts and find the problems."

### SHOT DOWN

He said previous programs were shot down because they started from wrong assumptions about the barriers preventing students from coming to university.

"They thought the big thing was reducing the economic barriers to higher education, and they began by trying to eliminate tuition fees.

"Now a study has shown the

economic barrier does not exist that extensively."

In the project, two researchers will be chosen by the personnel board of the students' union to work from May to well into the next university term on four pilot high schools. The researchers will co-operate with guidance counsellors to find out why all the students who could go on to post-secondary education do not. This will involve personal interviews, panels, and talks.

The Northern Alberta Institute

of Technology will be invited to participate.

Enarson said Mr. Usher was very enthusiastic about the proposal. Usher commented, "If this is further developed in future, don't be afraid to come to us again."

Enarson suggested an expanded program of this type could be a major project of the Student Federation of Alberta later on.

The next step in the development is appointment by students' council of the two researchers.

## UBC president disapproves

### Students favour strike

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The president of the University of BC Tuesday urged student leaders to drop plans for a general student strike if the provincial government does not meet university needs next year.

Monday night student council voted overwhelmingly to lead students on the strike if the education grants for BC's three universities fall below the \$66 million requested by UBC president John Macdonald.

Council voted to back a strike referendum to be held Feb. 14, and suggested the strike would be held in early March after the department makes its submission to the legislature.

The strike would mean all buildings and roads on campus would be

closed for at least one day. Student picket lines would be organized to prevent campus access for all but researchers engaged in un-stoppable projects. The 17,300 students will have a chance to vote yes or no on the referendum which is worded: "If the B.C. government does not allocate \$66 million to higher education in B.C. as recommended by the Macdonald formula, would you support an AMS-sponsored week of concern including a strike within that week, and would you serve on a picket line?"

Macdonald's anti-strike statement said the needs of each of the universities in B.C. have already been made clear to the government.

see page two—STRIKE

## CUS dropouts propose union

### Poopers' union will focus on 'matters of direct concern'

By BRIAN CAMPBELL  
Gateway Casserole Editor

There's talk here of a pooper's union, as the Canadian Union of Students would call it, for the eight universities who have dropped out of CUS so far this year.

But the union is only in the talking stage, and the new union's formation seems to hinge on McGill's Feb. 8 CUS-UGEQ-nothing referendum.

So far U of A's efforts have been concentrated on Bishop's, Acadia and Memorial universities.

"We are talking with Bishop's right now about exchange scholarships," said students' union president Branny Schepanovich.

"The Union will do the things CUS should be doing and the things CUS should be restricted to," according to Schepanovich.

These things are the "matters of direct student concern" that Schepanovich has been talking about all year.

Specific projects he sees besides functions of communication and scholarship programs are:

- standardization of university entrance requirements across the country;

- a lobby to make students' unions exempt from sales tax;

- a focusing on academic relations, the social barriers, to universal accessibility and curriculum planning.

"We wouldn't be coming out with things like the infamous ROTP resolution which urged the government to pull its officer-scholarship program out of Canadian universities and cut its military expenses so more money could be channeled into post-secondary education," said secretary-treasurer Al Anderson.

"We would take a more moderate approach. We do not feel we are competent to initiate the wide social changes which CUS favors.

"We think the union has real possibilities if large unions such as McGill and ourselves are out," he added.

"But McGill's action will be an important consideration whether or not such a group will be formed."

Schepanovich pointed to the power of the poopers to change CUS even if they didn't form a union.

"A union is a good possibility now that there's such a large selection of Canadian students out of CUS. But this large section also increases our bargaining position so that we can become a stronger force to change CUS.

"This year there has been a drastic decrease in the number of political statements coming out of the CUS office," Schepanovich said.

He suspects this is one area where cut-backs in finances have curbed CUS activity, but Doug Ward "isn't going to send us a letter telling us what the exact effect has been."

## About-face gets cool reaction

McGill students' union president Jim McCoubrey's about-face on the Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec got a frosty reception at the home of his CUS congress allies Monday where the temperature was 20 below anyway.

Last week McCoubrey came out in favour of joining UGEQ, a switch from his previous stand advocating membership in CUS.

The change came three weeks before the Feb. 8 student referendum to decide whether to retain CUS membership or to join UGEQ.

U of A's Canadian Union of Students chairman Owen Anderson, still a voting member of council although his job is technically non-existent, tagged McCoubrey's statement "the smartest thing I ever heard."

"They are trying to split the vote so they'll be in neither organization," he said.

"They're in cahoots those two (Jim McCoubrey and external vice-president Arnie Aberman)—they went into the office and planned it all out.

"If anyone knows McCoubrey personally, they won't believe a word of that stuff," he said.

McCoubrey, who earlier favored staying in CUS, made the statement after a dinner meeting with Robert Nelson and his executive.

"We must begin working alongside French-speaking students with the interests of Quebec at heart," said McCoubrey.

He said he feels McGill could have no effective voice in Quebec student affairs unless it joins UGEQ.

"If McCoubrey has so much trouble making up his mind which organization to join, they should sit out for a while as an independent," said secretary-treasurer Al Anderson.

"One day he's for CUS; next day he's for UGEQ.

"I think it's a matter of vacillation, rather than clever politics," he said.

Union president Schepanovich also blamed vacillation for McCoubrey's latest stand.

see page three—REACTION