

First SU forum**L. T. Leadbeater wants small colleges**

Some 100 people showed up for the first Students' Union Forum Monday noon in SUB theatre lounge to hear about "How large should the university get?" Students' union president Marilyn Pilkington acted as moderator, explaining that the forums are designed to create interest and knowledge, and to get feedback from the students. As she introduced the speakers, a group of concerned card players continued their game.

Canon T. L. Leadbeater of Holy Trinity Anglican Church began with a well prepared speech favoring the establishment of small, specialized liberal arts colleges in the Edmonton vicinity. Situated in east Edmonton, St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan and other near areas, this constellation would utilize centralized administration and libraries.

"I believe in educational variety," he said.

"Smaller colleges make it possible for students to be treated as individuals."

"Nothing is happening in universities which is not happening in churches." He added that this excluded barricades and sit-ins. If this problem did arise in the church, he said, "I would call a prophet, not the police."

He linked the undesirability of church unification with centralized universities, both producing a too-rigid structure. Referring to churches, he said this is "destructive of the very message to be proclaimed."

Dr. W. H. Worth of the Academic Development Committee stated that by 1970-73 there will be 30,000 prospective students. This year alone, instead of the expected 2,500 freshmen, 4,000 new students enrolled at U of A.

The present request for expansion approval is necessary to "clarify the position of the university and allow some honest to goodness planning."

"We have all the land we need, with only 23 per cent site coverage by buildings, he said. The city has sewer and facilities expansion planned. Expansion is economically feasible.

"The size of the campus is not increasing student unrest," said

Bob Hart, student representative to the academic development committee.

"The cold winds of December" cause people to concentrate harder in the winter, lessening activism, he said.

The question period brought little response. David Leadbeater asked about the relative expense of acquiring Garneau land compared to other sites. Dr. Worth replied that land is cheaper elsewhere, but U of A already owns all the land it needs.

"The biggest problem for smaller campuses is the provision of

support services" he said.

Don McKenzie suggested limiting present size to force the government to act on proposals for other campuses. Dr. Worth replied one had to be fair and not hurt students by not providing interim facilities.

The students' council intends to hold one forum a week. Councilors are encouraged to supplement the initial list of topics containing, amongst other things, housing, divided year system, university financing, university government, students assistance, Indians and higher education, exams and CUS.

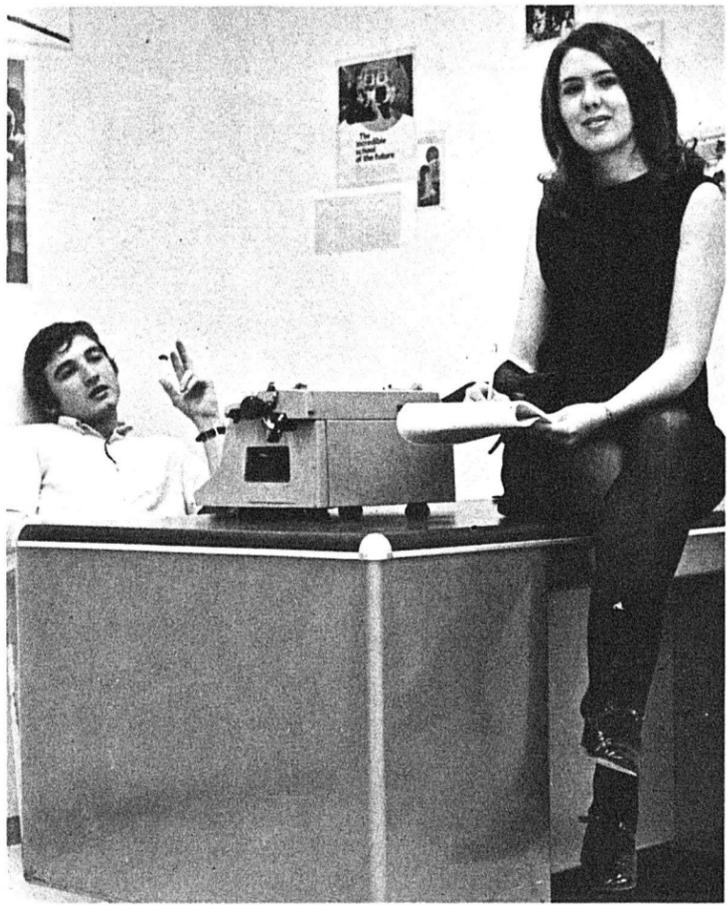


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STRATEGY LAID—Yes, The Gateway, unlike any other students' union organization, will be there. It's Friday at 7:30 p.m. It's, well, it's, it's Bathtub Gin Time in ye olde ice arena! And now you know why The Gateway has challenged all comers to beat the legs shown above that will undoubtedly be the most beautiful addition to bathtub faucetry seen since Antony pulled the plug on Cleopatra.

Student library cards finally will be issued in December

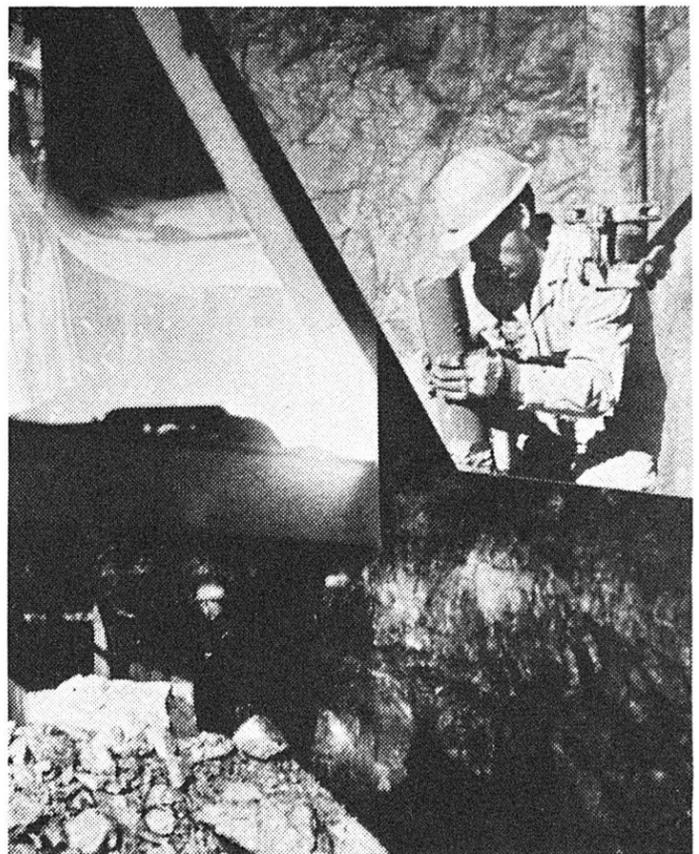
Student library cards will be distributed the second week of December.

The two-week delay is partially due to slow registration caused by the mail strike. The library cards are based on registration data.

The other reason is that library officials had ordered a new form of computerized card in anticipation of the installation of a new

"automated system" of book distribution. They retracted the order after deciding the system needed perfecting. This caused a second delay.

"Public relations was our main reason for retraction," said Mr. Peel, chief librarian, "Students would blame people instead of machines if any mistakes were made."

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