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An engineering pic for all you sexually deprived males



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Clare Drake has been here 27 years and is still going strong.

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While Peter Lougheed and his Tory buddies were taking true 'Travel Alberta' vacations in the tropical sun we were beginning another year and another semester at the University of Alberta. With all the unemployment, inflation and frigid weather Alberta was not such a bad place to be. Soviet General Secretary Uri Andropov was threatening 'grave consequences' while America planned to deploy medium range missiles in Europe, OPEC couldn't agree on either quotas or prices for oil, and Menachem Begin was speeding up Israeli settlement on the West Bank. In Canada the Roman Catholic church attacked Prime Minister Trudeau's economic policies and the feminist population was protesting the imminent advent of Playboy programming on Pay-TV.

And on campus, all sorts of thrilling things were happening. The Bass ticket office was robbed on January 4, the thief making off with somewhere between \$15,000 to \$20,000.

For all you sportsfans, Clare Drake, coach of the Golden Bears Hockey team won his 500th game against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon. This is especially ironic since Drake won his first game in the same arena against the same team 27 years ago in 1956.

Campus activist Oscar Ammar was taken to a University Disciplinary Board for disrupting a Hillel forum. Ammar was protesting the then recent massacres in Sabra and Chatilla which Israel was alleged to have their sticky fingers involved with.

The new, improved Garneau Housing complex opened and was proved to be another example of bureaucratic foul-ups by our esteemed University. With the average rent required per student over \$314 plus utilities and parking on top of that sum, we wondered whether the complex was designed for students or for the patrons of the Edmonton Symphony. Add to this the problem of poor security and inefficient design, and that which previously glittered ended up a complete rip-off.

Housing and Food Services Director Gail Brown ended up justifying the whole mess by saying a lack of communication existed between her department and the constructors until the last minute.

A club organized by several students who intended to carry on a 'spy versus spy' scenario with plastic guns and rubber darts was criticized by the University Administration in January. The Assassins club wanted to have students hunt each other down after being provided with clues that included a photograph and a class timetable of their intended victims. The logic behind the University's disapproval of the game was even more dubious. Dean of Students Paul Sartoris said, "This is not a playground, this is an institute of learning." Sartoris also cited the nature of the game which constituted 'glorified violence' in his opinion as well as the remote possibility of a real policeman mistaking the coloured plastic guns for the real thing and blowing some student away. In the end the Assassins succumbed to the pressure, with your Students' Union picking up the tab for the now useless pistols bought by the club before the scandal was raised.

The Gateway released a special 32 page edition in January to commemorate the University of Alberta's 75th anniversary. The issue came complete with ads, letters, columns, pictures, and stories of yesteryear. There was also a rundown of some of the politicians and other leaders of society that went to the University of Alberta. Lou Hyndman, Joe Clark, and Peter Lougheed were all featured with large photos, large smiles and even larger ears.

Finally, January is the month when all the engineers come out of the woodwork to drink, do weird things, around the University and participate in allegedly sexist events. Well this year was relatively sane without much unusual happening aside from a large car being put into the bus stop shelter with nobody knowing either how it got there or how to get it back out again.



75th Anniversary
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Fly paper catches the big pests at the Garneau Housing Complex opening.

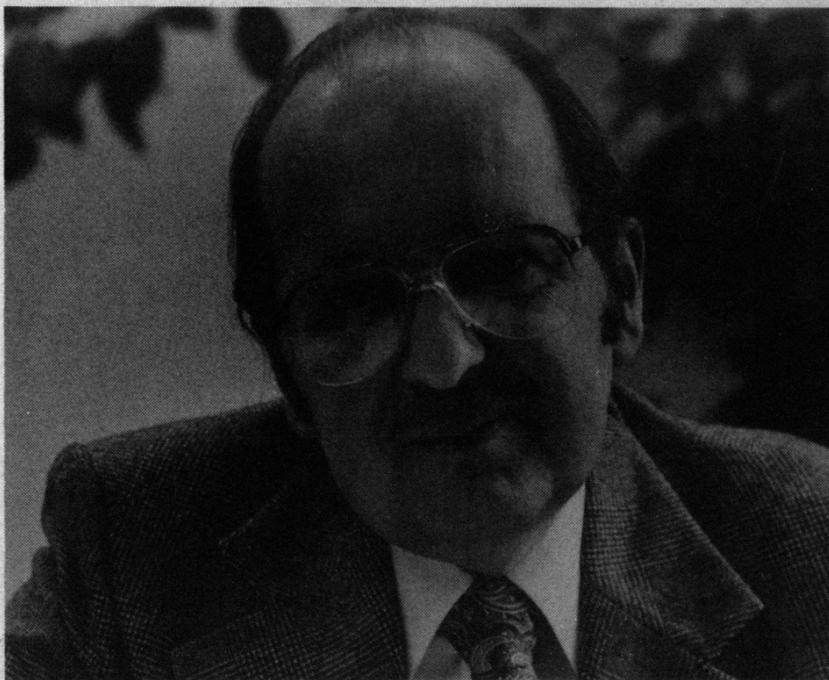


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Campus pacifist Paul Sartoris