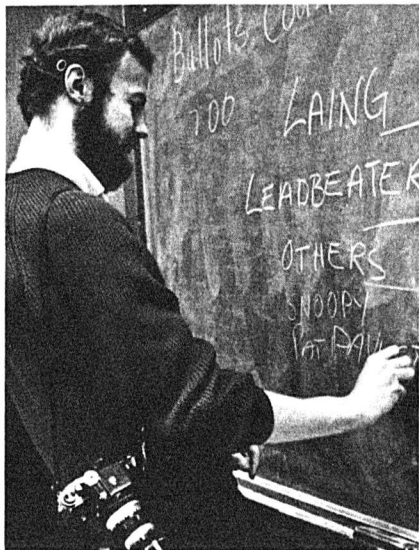


Bearded shutterbugger liberates pressing power from Rich



—Steve Makris photo

AL SCARTH

... "I can't print excuses, baby"

By **RICH VIVONE**

The appointment of a male to the editorship of The Gateway makes it two-in-a-row for us over females. A streak that I hope will continue infinitely and aimlessly. The second-editor-since-Minich

is Al Scarth who was appointed last Monday by Students' Council. He will ascend the luxurious foam-leathered seat over which all the lovelies who stroll into SUB can be seen by about April. His papers should start enlightening your lives about September, 1969.

Al of the Beard had no opposition for the task. All he had to do was know almost everything about newspapers and then convince the personnel board (managed by a woman) and the Students' Council (chaired by a woman) that he knew as much as he said he did. He does.

He had little reaction to council's affirmative decision. He was walking around the building at that time—just in case council had a question or two for him. They didn't. So he just congratulated himself on council's wisdom and went to load up.

Every year, Gateway has an instant party to make the new editor feel better. This time, however, he felt worse for two days due mainly to an 8 a.m. deadline in

wich we all almost ended up stoned—but alive.

Al comes to The Gateway from Photo Directorate via Red Deer where he learned everything he needed to convince people he was the right man. Al is an Edmonton boy and an arts student and just about the best amateur photographer was born on the day he was he was.

Al actually commanded our photo department for a year worked in Red Deer at The Advocate for a year and a half as a reporter and photographer before returning to U of A. He has also worked for our competition across town but as usual they haven't the sense to make full use of his talents.

Al did not work all that much with The Gateway this year. Being employed by another newspaper to earn part of his keep while at university, he figured correctly that there would be a conflict of interest.

For the nearsighted, Al Scarth is about six feet tall and some, has a neatly trimmed beard and

a finely-honed mind. He admits to sipping suds occasionally — a trait that will keep him on the straight and narrow.

When asked his opinion on the whichness of the what, he went out on a limb and uttered a qualified "maybe".

He also enjoys wet press nights "in which to drown the sorrows" and is not exactly looking forward to the traditional dunking-of-the-editor which, for all interested spectators, will occur on the last press night of the term. At that time, the old annoints (other say drown) the new.

Al likes Pat Paulson and other people.

He has these other opinions:

- girls: one of my prime motives for taking the position. I want more access to campus females and to follow the tradition of certain editors who shall remain nameless and infamous out of fear of embarrassing the soon-to-be Mrs. Vivone.

- booze: fine stuff.

- student politics: an unqualified "maybe".

As the sun sets over U of A its time to say

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Goodnight Marilyn

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DAVID LEADBEATER IS THE MAN

Former VP defeats Laing on 15th ballot

By **RON YAKIMCHUK**

If radical students ran in record numbers for students' union positions in Friday's election, then the voters turned out in proportionate numbers to turn them away.

Almost. Because president-elect David Leadbeater, (while he won by only 195 votes) is less conservative than his main opponent Rolly Laing, if past records are any indication.

In fact, Mr. Leadbeater's pro-Canadian Union of Students stand during the recent referendum debate was judged by some to be a great handicap in his presidential campaign. Mr. Laing admitted

after the election results were announced that overconfidence may have been part of the reason for his loss.

The political views of academic vice-president Elizabeth Law should also prove to be interesting. She is one of the undergrad students sitting on the committee reorganizing the political science department after its representation disputes last fall. She entered her name in the election at the same time that a large group of students decided to run for the presidency. Her chances appeared very slim at the time, but when students' union co-ordinator Don MacKenzie and WUS and CUSO organizer Ken Stickland withdrew she found herself in serious contention.

While Mr. Leadbeater found getting elected tough, outgoing science rep Dennis Fitzgerald found his election as treasurer very easy.

The other two executive positions are held by former students' union hands. Secretary-elect by acclamation Wendy Brown is currently the yearbook director. External vice-president-elect Bob Hunka has worked on various committees of the students' union.

The election of David Leadbeater to the presidency has broken several traditions the position has picked up over the last few years.

This is the first time in four years Branny Schepanovich or one of his fellow executive members of '66-'67 are not president. During this time, Schepanovich, Al Anderson, and Marilyn Pilkington, the three previous presidents, all had their campaigns based at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Leadbeater did some of his work from St. Joseph's college basement.

Leadbeater is the first president since Richard Price ('65-'66) not opposed to association with CUS.

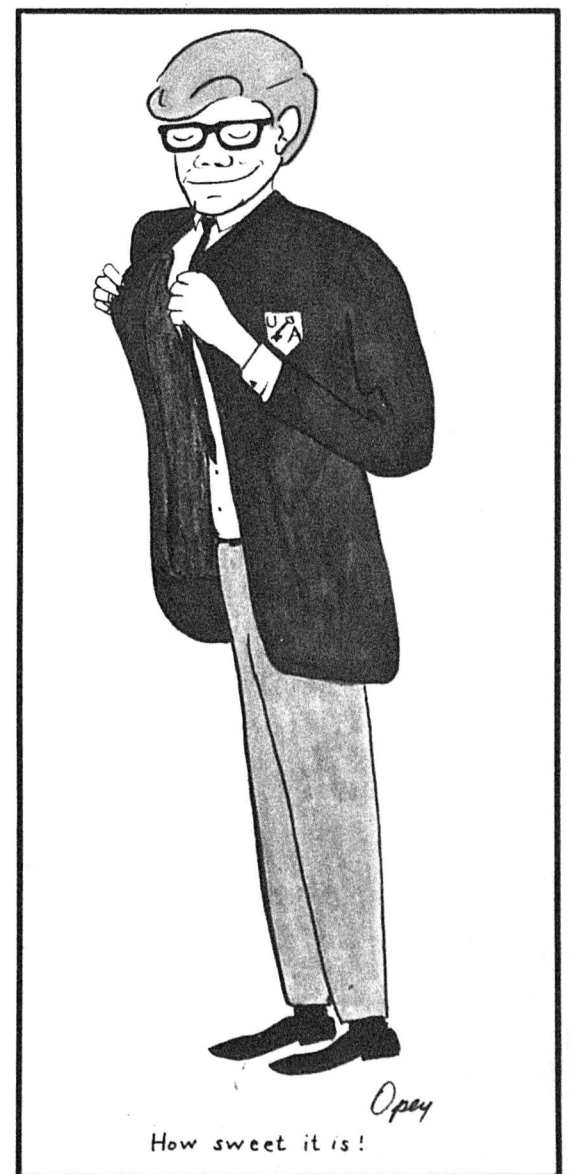
Leadbeater stressed after the election that he sees changes in the students' union for the next year.

"There will be a lot more responsibility placed on the councillors and the executive. We will stress education of the councillors as to the broader issues facing the university," he said. He said this applied even more to the students in general.

The general principle by which his executive will operate is "freedom and openness."

"I think that these will be the catchwords for next year."

Evidently he has also learned much during his last year on the executive. He contends the presidency is now much too overburdened and he will spread its authority around a bit more than it is now.



How sweet it is!

Results

Academic vice-president

Liz Law 5,768
Earl Silver 2,068

External vice-president

Bob Hunka 4,666
Eric Hameister 2,719
Carol Sloan 381

Treasurer

Dennis Fitzgerald 6,066
Tom Payne 1,590

Referendum

for pics in telephone book 3,772
for pics in yearbook 2,968
neither 561

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