

In January we advertised for a student leader. In February students elected Phil Soper SU president. Since April Phil's been hard at work, but the real fun will start next September.

## **JANUARY**

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January was Engineering Week. The controversial annual event the Gateway loves to hate because of its sexist kicklines and Queen contest, was unusually visible this year starting with the now-famous article "Pediophiliology" in the Engineering Week newspaper.

The Engineering Students Society (ESS) fell over itself to apologize for printing the article, but the damage had been done. This time the engineers had gone too far. At least so thought several anti-sexist demonstrators: they used "Pediophiliology" as their excuse to illegally rip down what they called sexist Engineering Week princess posters in

A scuffle ensued in which one man was reportedly kicked in the head by an engineering student. The other demonstrators tromped off with the objects of the conflict — about 50 torn and crumpled princess posters — to where else but the Gateway office, looking for publicity, and perhaps refuge, for they were followed up by a dozen angry engineering students

Cooler heads prevailed. The mechanical engineering club ceremoniously destroyed its own ice statue — a portrayal of Pierre Trudeau kneeling between the spread legs of Peter Lougheed, grasping an unmistakably phallic oil derrick belonging to Lougheed. "We decided to get rid of it before we

got rid of Engineering Week," said mechanical club president Ray Koehler at the time

And the future of Engineering Week was being questioned by, among others, Dean of Students Burton Smith; however the result of a special task force just

released, show a continuance of the age-old Week, with a few minor changes.

Earlier in January the university finally announced its site for the 1983 World University Games fieldhouse - in the soccer field between the southwest side of the Phys Ed building and 87 avenue.

This site was a compromise between university-preferred Auditorium parking lot site, which the provincial government (the owner) vetoed, and several sites close to residential neighborhoods, which residents protested strongly against. The result was a "not quite top-notch" facility with just a 200 meter track and only 4,000 permanent

While the university prepared to spend untold millions on the 1983 Games, it also began the annual budget drudgery, which drags on even now.

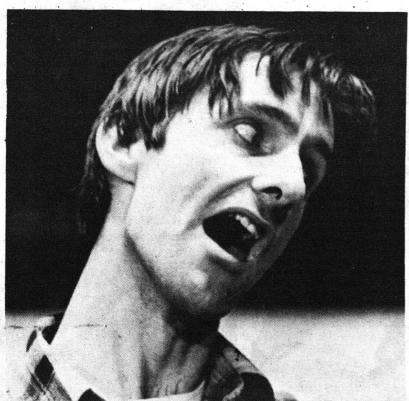
The university used the Future of Education Week to announce it was seeking a 15 percent grant increase from the provincial government next year.

But later in January, U of A president Myer Horowitz intimated that government funding would again be inadequate: in a Senate meeting, Horowitz said if the provincial grant was insufficient he would be obliged to recommend a tuition fee increase.

To date, we still don't know what "insufficient" exactly means or how



One hot afternoon we were thinking about what our lead story would be. Then it walked right in our door, in the form of a confrontation between Engineering students and anti-sexist demonstrators



Aarrghh!!! In January there were four months to go. See April, page 23, for the results.

generous the government will be. But we do know that the Board of Governors wi consider a 15 percent tuition fee hike on April 10, whether or not they know what the grant will be. Students once again get-

The rest of January in summary:

 Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Jim Horsman says on campus that he opposes any tuition fee hikes next year, a promise the university will test by asking for one anyway.

• the university's staff associations ask for wage increase settlements above the amount requested by the university of the government; ~

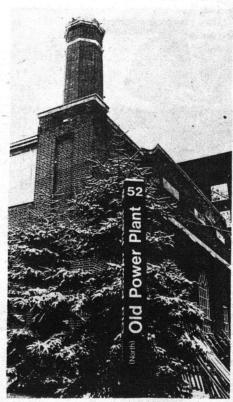
• the long-awaited Task Force on Student Aid finally reports, but aside from some cosmetics, makes no firm recommen-

• Mary -Ann Gillies wins the coveted Rhodes Scholarship;

• Students' Council supports the idea of a Women's Centre on campus.

• SUB Theatre finally makes it big with record \$6,000 profit on Maggie and

 Assassins makes its debut at the U of A, and several hundred would-be killers sign up to destroy each other.



And after Christmas even the Old Power Plant appeared phallic. Shades of celibacy!