

# November-December

by Richard Watts

It was actually a hell of two months. There was all kinds of wildness and weirdness and we and you were there.

Biggest thing to happen on campus was the seizure by Edmonton Police and Fire Departments of the Nov. 19/81 issue of the *Gateway*.

The uproar that the seizure caused is not a case of us mounting a self-righteous hobby horse and whining about nothing.

Sure, we were and are still pissed off. We worked to put that issue together, so it was irritating to have the cops fuck up the circulation of our efforts.

The SU publishes the *Gateway* and that gives them every right to be pissed off.

Advertisors who shell out good money to give you a dose of consumer brain bending get real pissed off when they don't get what they pay for.

And you get pissed off since you're deprived of your reading of the *Gateway*. Besides that all your fears of the police overstepping their authority are confirmed and you become filled with well-founded indignation at this trampling of civil liberties.

The whole mess started with a fire in SUB and investigators from the police and fire departments telling us they figured it was arson.

Even though the fire story turned out to be pretty rinky-dink, the investigators got scared that they had said too much, and with the help of campus security they stole the newspapers.

They did return the papers three days later, apologizing all over the place, but the SU still filed suit against the police and fire departments.

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) held their fall conference here at the U of A in November.

Accessibility was to be the focus of attention when FAS lobbied the government in 1981-82. The people in FAS called for a freeze on tuition until a study determining whether or not fees were a barrier to higher education was completed. They also decided that in the very long term, the abolition of tuition fees was a cool thing.

Well by now the provincial government has said they will conduct an accessibility study on their own. But the

Board of Governors has said that your tuition fees are going up 20 per cent regardless.

What can I say?

To the people in FAS; Tough luck guys.

To the Board of Governors; You took the easy way out.

To the governments, federal and provincial, who have done a wonderful job of blaming each other in a brilliant display of double talk; You can fuck off and die.

The University Athletics Board (UAB) decided that they were not taking enough of your money each year. They started to look towards changing their constitution to allow them to raise their fees 15 per cent each year.

The UAB took \$27.50 this year and if their new constitution gets ratified by the Board of Governors it will go up. By the way, you'll be paying even if you don't play intra-murals, use the facilities, or give a shit about the Pandas and Bears.

The Arts Editor held his "Spot the Fraud" contest. Five photographs of real art and one phony were published and readers were invited to fill out a ballot and spot the fraud.

Seven out of fifty-two people guessed right and Jens, the arts editor, was delighted, since he figured that the results were a significant comment on modern art.

In December we concocted the *Getaway*, a humor issue. In it we claimed that the *Getaway* was being shut down. It wasn't that funny, but there were a few dummies that actually believed it and they expressed concern that U of A was going to go without a student newspaper.

If the name *Getaway* didn't tip you off you should of realized it was all bullshit when in a music review our resident high-brow Mike Skeet talked of "really marv tunes" at a Loverboy concert, and the cannons of AC/DC warming his heart on K-97.

There was other business-as-usual stuff in those two months. The S.U. record store was ordered to cut back on its inventory, the shut down of the music store was announced, the curling rink was slated for nevermoreland, and the provincial government cut off financial support to our libraries. Like I said, business as usual.

photo Martin Benales



Bears take the Western Conference football final

photo Jens Andersen



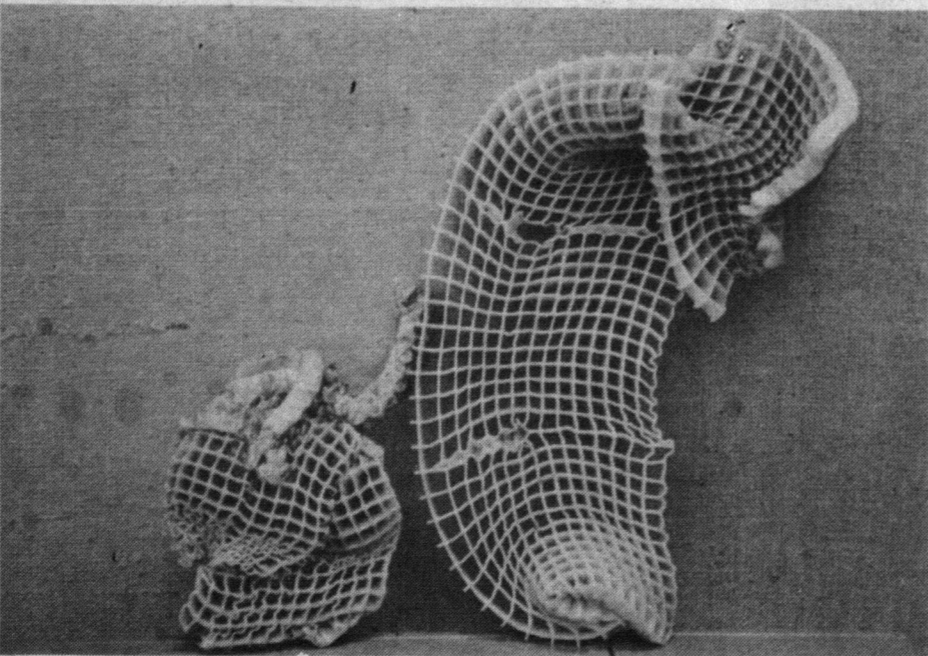
Paper's seizure began with hot times

photo Dave Chan

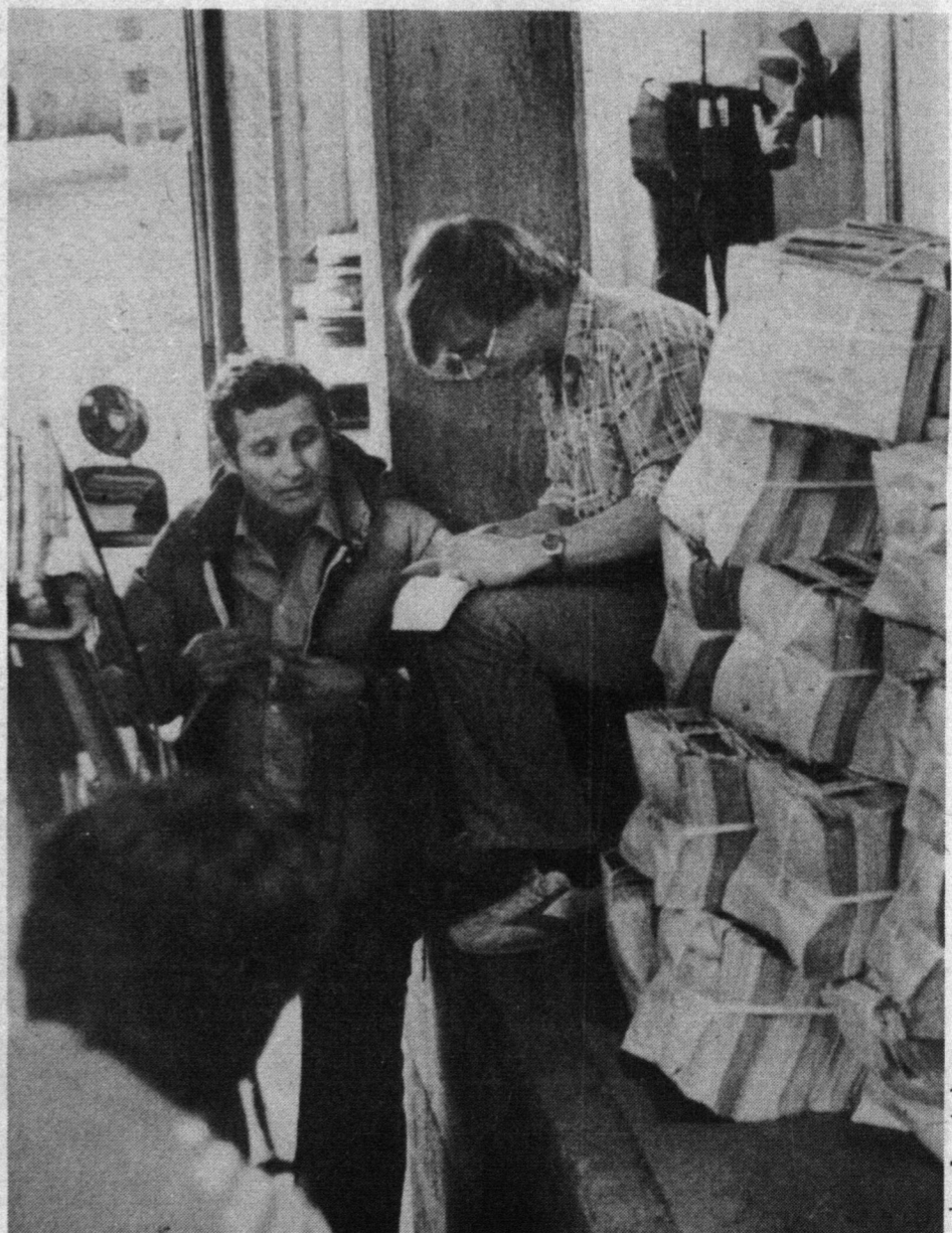


Musicians try to save SU Music store but are destined to fail

photo Jens Andersen



Jen's infamous spot-the-fraud sculpture unveiled



Nobody said the City's finest never return what they borrow

photo Jens Andersen