

"I sneer at women's current drive for liberation — whatever the hell that means... I know where women came from. God made the first one, Eve, from one of Adam's ribs... it all boils down to simple jealousy."

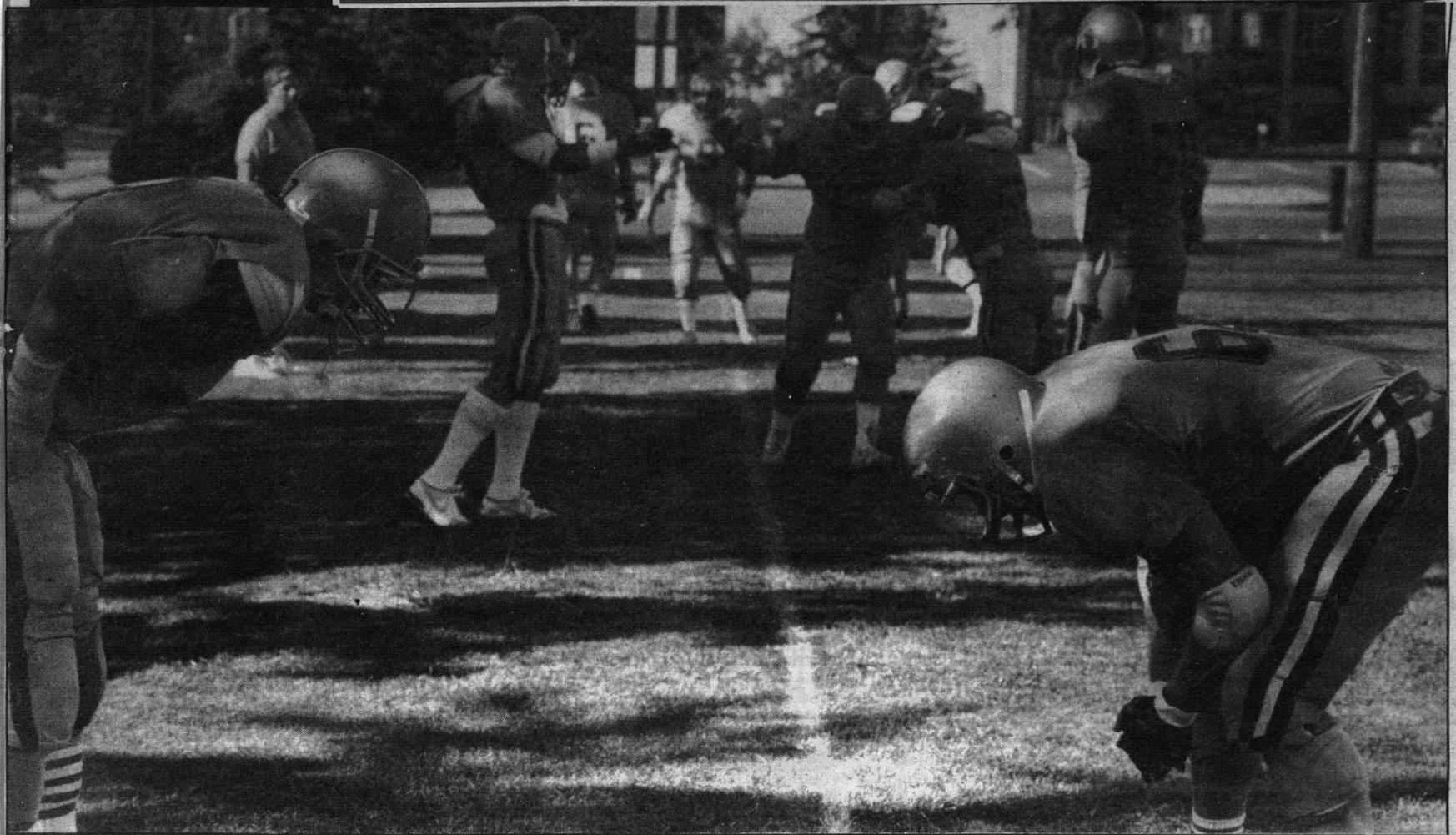
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"I have read your letter about ribs and women with great interest. I am pleased to tell you that I share your views about women's liberation."

Ronald Reagan



A sure sign fall is here: the football Bears return to training camp.

photo Rob Schmidt

## New National Student Organization

by Greg Halinda

U of A students said NO to membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Will we say YES to the Canadian University Students' Executive Council (CUSEC)?

The U of A Student Council is trying to drum up support for CUSEC at university campuses across Canada. SU president David Oginski says, "We see CUSEC's role as addressing issues directly affecting education in Canada; namely funding, quality and accessibility of education."

"The U of A is spearheading this thing," says Oginski. CUSEC was born under the Mike Nickel administration of '85-'86. A preliminary constitution exists, and Oginski wants a November meeting of student union presidents to finalize it.

If established, CUSEC will only recognize the president of a member university's student union as an official representative for that university. A weighted voting scheme would be used in passing motions. This means that institutions with larger student populations would carry more voting power than those with smaller populations.

Unlike CFS, student politicians who try to make statements on broad public issues like abortion and nuclear disarmament would not be heard via CUSEC policies. "Some issues are . . . too hot to handle," states the CUSEC statement of purpose.

It continues, "While the damage done by one policy statement would be small, the number of enemies accumulated over many months, and many policy statements, would be significant."

Can such a moderate philosophy draw any support from Can-

adian universities?

"So far Western, York, the University of Toronto, and the University of Manitoba have expressed interest in CUSEC," says Oginski. A U of A SU delegation also met with

three B.C. student societies during the third week of July 1986.

Oginski thinks CUSEC will be a national reality within three years.

CFS chairperson Tony Macerollo is not pleased with the thought

of a new alternative to the CFS. "We're disappointed that UBC and U of A don't see CFS as fulfilling, especially when credibility on parliament hill is going quite well," he says.

The U of A pulled out of the CFS after a referendum of February 7, 1985. The CFS has approximately 50 full or prospective member associations.

## Students caught by test regulations

by John Watson

The University of Alberta has tried to extend the Writing Competence Test deadline for approximately 75 students who took time off from university and are returning this year.

The students, who first entered in the 84/85 academic year, had 24 months to pass the test. That time is now up, and even though they

were not attending school for a portion of that time the university will not grant the students extra time to pass the test.

Students' Union vice president academic Craig Cooper says, "These people are freaking out, so the university, in its infinite wisdom, has allowed them to write the test on the 5th and 6th of September."

Cooper is recommending any

student in this position register for and take the test on both the 5th and 6th.

"Take the test on both days," he said. "It's the only thing to do — double your chances."

Cooper also has a help package available to anyone who wants it. You can get one from him in room 259 SUB.

Cooper demands that the uni-

versity change its policy.

"They're using a diagnostic test as a screening tool," he said. "I can't agree with the university policy and I'll be doing everything I can to accommodate these students," he said.

In the meantime, Cooper has his fingers crossed. "I hope to God everyone passes, otherwise, who knows . . ."

## Welcome to the President's Club

by Emma Sadgrove

Picture sitting in a lush velvet chair, a brandy snifter in one hand, a Havana cigar in the other, involved in deep conversation with the President of the university.

This luxuriant atmosphere belongs to the President's Club. Donations of \$1000 or more toward any area of the university in a calendar year entitle the donor to lifetime membership. Members enjoy use of the library and sports facilities and invitations to several special functions every year.

The students' union recently donated \$1000 toward refurbishing

in the Arts Building. This donation was made on behalf of the 24,000 full time students attending the university this year. So does this mean that the students are entitled to become members of the President's Club, as Student Union VP External Mike Hunter jokingly suggested?

According to the office of the president this is not the case. If, for example, a large company were to donate \$1000 only one person would become a member of the President's Club.

So which one of us is it?

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