

# Alumni attend unveiling

by Richard Watts

The ceremonial unveiling of the University's 75th Anniversary book was attended by members of the Alumni Association which is the oldest class represented was the class of '22.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mr. H.R. Thornton who graduated with a degree in Agriculture in 1922.

Although he graduated in 1922 Mr. Thornton had arrived at the university six years previously arriving from Red Deer.

"I spent my first night in Pembina Hall in 1916 when I came up from Red Deer to join the University Battalion that was forming to go fight in the '14-'18 War," said Mr. Thornton.

However the University Battalion took too long to form for Mr. Thornton so he left Edmonton to go back to Red Deer to sign up with the 187th Canadian Infantry with which he travelled to fight in France with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

After convalescing in England from a wound he received in France, Mr. Thornton enrolled in the ground school of the newly formed Royal Air Force.

Chuckling, Mr. Thornton said, "I was one week away from flight training when the Kaiser heard that I was taking to the air and he surrendered."

On returning to Alberta Mr. Thornton enrolled in the U of A where in the spring of '21 he was elected President of the Students' Union.

It turns out things haven't changed very much, since the SU was in debt even back then.

"I was called into the President's Office to find myself confronted by all the brass who told me that they had considered doing away with the Students' Union but had decided to give us another chance," said Mr. Thornton.

As president presiding over an institution with a total of \$6,600 a year Mr. Thornton was given the 'ultimatum to clean up their act or be shut down.'

Mr. Thornton said that in his final year of 1922 he earned the reputation as "the saviour of the Students' Union."

I also had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. W. Gray Sharp and his wife Gertrude Sharp.

Mr. Sharp graduated in 1933 and his wife graduated in 1932.

As members of classes that graduated from university to enter into the harsh reality of the depression Mr. and Mrs. Sharp also had some interesting comments to make.

"If you had a job in those days you bloody well kept it," said Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Sharp graduated with a degree in engineering and was the only one in his class that had a job to go to.

"And I just went back to what I was doing before I went to school; showing pictures in a cinema."

Mrs. Sharp also explained, "We had a friend who had four different degrees including his Masters and he claimed to be the best toilet cleaner in the entire world."

Then with a compassionate smile Mrs. Sharp added, "We're laughing now but none of it was much fun and I sure hope it doesn't happen to you."

Mr. Sharp eventually managed to put his engineering degree to work as he began designing drive-in theatres and eventually entered into his own business in the, then rapidly expanding, audio-visual field.

I spoke with other members of the Alumni Association; one man who left university and immediately after enlisted for service in World War Two.

Another gentleman who talked of gathering in a schoolhouse in Lethbridge to listen to the town's only radio in order to receive news about the war.

And there was the very charming lady who laughed delightedly at my discomfort after I had asked her if she was in the class of '22 which would have made her about 20 years older than she actually was.

"That's a terrible thing to ask a woman my age," she said, but she was smiling.

All in all I can speak for both myself and the photographer there with me; we both thoroughly enjoyed the charm and patience of those members of the U of A's Alumni Association.



Mr. & Mrs. W. Gray Sharp and Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Smith, four members of the Alumni Association who attended the book unveiling.

# B of G meets in L.A.

by Michael Leitch

Students' Union President Robert Greenhill described this year's two day Board of Governors seminar in Lethbridge as an effective forum for the concerns of board members. Said Greenhill, "Unfortunately, those concerns are not always the same as the student's."

The purpose of this yearly meeting is to enhance communication among the different universities of Alberta and the Department of Advanced Education and Manpower, which has organized the seminar since its inception three years ago.

Though the topics discussed vary from year to year, two dominant themes were entered in this year's agenda. The first theme analyzed the university as a research institute, and discussed the responsibility of the university when scholars develop important research findings. Members asked whether the universities should promote these new ideas and push them towards the commercial market, and if so, who should hold the patent—the university or the professor?

The second theme had to do with long range planning: how does a university go about planning its future fifteen to twenty years hence?

This year's representatives for the U of A were SU president, Robert Greenhill, GFC Student Representative, Brian Bechtel, and U of A President Myer Horowitz.

Said Greenhill, "It is difficult to say what was accomplished directly. You can't specifically say that this was or wasn't accomplished; and thus, from a point of view of tangible results, it's of questionable value."

Brian Bechtel also agreed that no specific resolutions were concluded, but rather the seminar "acts more as a forum for ideas."

"One of the important topics," says Bechtel, "was the transfer of ideas and research patents, principally, how to get them to the marketplace. But again, there were no concrete resolutions decided upon."

The seminar gave us a chance to talk to board members outside of the boardroom setting, and that was quite valuable."

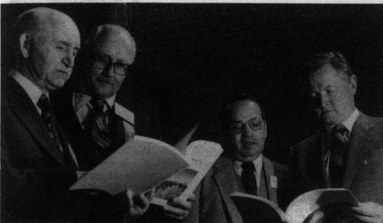
"However," says Bechtel, "I was disappointed that there wasn't more criticism of government policies. Most people appeared reluctant to voice their criticisms, except for Greenhill and Horowitz who were both willing to speak their minds."

Unlike either Bechtel or Greenhill, U of A president Dr. Myer Horowitz has been to every seminar since they began three years ago, and in his opinion, "This year's seminar was the most successful of the four. It was a very good day."

The seminars were initiated when the new Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower, Jim Horsman, organized the first meeting to act as a liaison between the various university boards.

Horsman spoke at the banquet as he has done for the previous three years. Says Horowitz, "Mr. Horsman did a particularly fine job of summarizing the achievements of the universities during the past several years."

Although the organization of each year's agenda is the Minister's initiative, the boards of Alberta's four universities are actively involved in the planning process.



From left to right, Chancellor Peter Savryn, Alumni Association President Frank Kazar, University President Myer Horowitz, and Chairman of the Board of Governors John Schlosser.

# Anniversary book out

by Richard Watts

The U of A's 75th Anniversary book was unveiled in a special ceremony on Saturday in the Power-plant.

Entitled The University of Alberta 1908 - 1983, the book contains 131 pages of photographs accompanied by a quotation reflecting the time.

The reader is taken through a pictorial history of five eras: Beginnings 1908-1918, The Interwar Years 1918-1938, War and Its Aftermath 1939-1956, The Push for Growth 1957-1970, and

Broadening Horizons 1971-1983. Each section is preceded by a brief commentary.

More than a year and a half was spent by a committee of nine in perusing photographs and archives to produce this book.

The book was published by the University and was made possible by a grant from the U of A's 75th Anniversary committee.

Copies of the book are available through the Alumni Association and the University Bookstore at a cost of \$12.95.



# Olivia Buttrick's Diary

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that water was far more important to people than gold or diamonds and stuff like that and cities should adjust the rates accordingly.

Sorry I haven't written you for so long diary, but I've been to Jasper for a week. Not a holiday, you understand, but an important conference of civic officials from across Alberta. Strictly business: why I couldn't even take Petey along. At first I wasn't going to leave him alone, you know the man can't cook to save his life, but he said not to worry because he could always pick up something.

So I went off for a week of top level political discussion. The mayor of Vegreville gave me a wonderful recipe for medvink and a councillor from Grand Prairie had this terrific idea for removing lipstick stains from clothing. You know diary Petey still has trouble with that—I just can't get the stains out of his collars. I even gave up wearing lipstick all summer. I think I'm going to have to buy him a whole new batch of shirts.

Mostly though we talked about ways to increase civic revenues. I was shocked to find out just how unfair the rules were as to what a city can or cannot tax. It seems only fair to me that if we can tax houses we should also be allowed to tax apartments. The mayor of Mayerthorpe (doesn't that have a nice ring to it?) had a very interesting proposal. He noted

But no matter how fascinating it all was, by midweek I was getting a touch homesick. Late Thursday night I just had to call Petey. I must have been even more upset than I thought because the first time I woke up some woman. I was sure I gave the operator the right number. Anyway I finally got Petey and told him what a wonderful time I was having even though it wasn't the same without him. He is such a sweet man; he said things were sure different with me gone as well. He also said to phone before I came home so he would know when to clean up for me. Wasn't that thoughtful?

Now of course it wasn't all work diary; we had some fun too. We all went for a dip in the hot springs and took a ride along the glacier. I took just dozens of pictures to show Petey so he wouldn't feel as if he'd missed out on all the fun.

The week passed quickly though and now I'm back home. I've got a whole new batch of proposals to raise revenues that I've got to prepare for city council. But first I'm going to try one more time to get those darn lipstick stains out of Petey's shirts. I swear diary, they look fresher than ever.