



Margie Gillis, danseuse extraordinaire, drew a standing ovation and enthusiastic applause from the audience in SUB Theatre. Other performers in November included Scottish comedian Billy Connolly and the Brian Webb Dance Company.



December . . . the month with exams. The study space shortage meant students had to study wherever they could, like this woman in the stacks of Rutherford Library.



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Students' Union antics were a major source of amusement in November and December at the U of A.

The face-off came when SU vp external Tema Frank announced that the SU was co-sponsoring a kiddies' hockey team in Garneau — to the score of \$300.

Justifying the sponsorship as PR, the ever-quotable Frank praised the "nifty little crests" the team would wear and promised a new, improved image for university students.

Things got worse with the SU's failure to take a stand on the Convention Centre issue. A motion brought up in council to censure the SU executive leadership (or lack of it) failed, however.

The Cutbacks Committee experienced intermittent resurrections in the latter half of the first term, but the Vietnamese Boat Family Committee sailed into clearer seas under the steady helmanship of chairman Ed Bell.

Disturbing reports of imminent tuition fee increases were to prove well-founded, and several faculties experienced serious problems in dealing with cutbacks — notably Dentistry and Pharmacy.

Both faculties faced a possible loss of national accreditation if their programs were not upgraded. For graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry, that could mean paying up to \$2,000 for special exams before they would be allowed to set up practice.

Varsity Guest Weekend, the university's annual publicity bash, was cancelled by the Board of Governors because of poor attendance despite its large budget.

It was replaced by an annual university day, high school liaison programs and campus tours.

A study space shortage also became a source of concern for many students as mid-terms and finals approached. But the

problem was remedied by extended library hours and additional study areas.

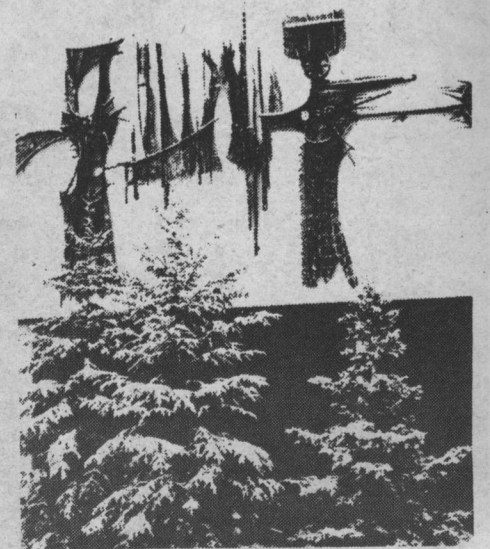
The university put its foot down on one issue and insisted that a campus Light Rail Transit (LRT) line would have to go underground.

Fortified by the results of a survey which said 73 per cent of students were very familiar with *The Gateway* (only 29 per cent said that about CJSR), the newspaper began its ill-fated battle against sexism by refusing to publish a T-shirt ad featuring only a well-endowed female torso. But we ate crow later, accepting a full-page ad with a Playmate photo (and a lot of well-deserved jeers) so we could publish a feature on Cambodia. We learned our lesson, though — not one front page story on our superior morals appeared for the rest of the year.)

Oh, and by the way, it snowed.



The Bears Soccer Team won the national championship this fall. The Football Team didn't fare as well, but it did win the Western championship.



The year's first snowfall.