



# 75th Anniversary 1908 - 1983



Philharmonic Society, cast of "The Pirates of Penzance," January 1942.

Debating used to be common front page news in the Gateway as well as Drama. In 1926, for the third time Alberta debaters took on Cambridge debaters; and for the first time, they won.

The next year they took on an Australian team and also won. In 1930, "a Welsh Liberal and a Scottish Conservative

us. In 1934 a team of debaters from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, USA, defeated our strongest team.

Sometimes the topics were rather hot items, as in 1953 when the Hugill cup debate topic was "Resolved that the Kinsey reports are a benefit to society."

The U of A could hold its own within



Dance Orchestra, circa 1925. Pretty swingin', crazy cats, eh?

about the orchestra-too little. In this age of jazz, it is nice to realize that in the University there is an orchestra."

Mrs. J.B. Carmichael led the orchestra for over a decade beginning in 1922. She also led the Philharmonic Society after it was formed by the merger of the Orchestra with Glee Club in 1933.

The two groups had been performing together for some time. In 1927 the opera *Maritana* was put on, with the Glee Club as

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This is what a typical St. Joseph's college dance around December 1940 would have looked like.



The original CKUA Radio studios as they appeared in 1926.

crossed the Atlantic (and the equally wet expanse of Eastern Canada) to invade the Far West. Using puns as projectiles and wit in lieu of weapons, they stormed the Alberta debating "citadel," alas unsuccessfully, in the Imperial debate.

But if we could out-argue the Commonwealth, the Yanks were too much for

Canada as well—we won the McGoun Cup in debate in 1945 and 1956, and in 1959 the Hugill Cup national debating finals were held at the U of A.

The University has always had a source of pride in its musical talent as well. In the 1925-26 Evergreen & Gold, the University yearbook, we read, "One hears very little

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