



75th Anniversary 1908 - 1983



1970-1983

By 1970 the student population of the U of A had grown to about 18,000 students. The campus had pretty reached its zenith in terms of the rate of its growth. The campus population at present stands at around 22,000 students.

Our student government was to get its final reworking in the second half of the seventies, and that legacy is still with us. Politics was the issue on

campus in the first part of the decade but by the second half activism had dropped off to a whisper.

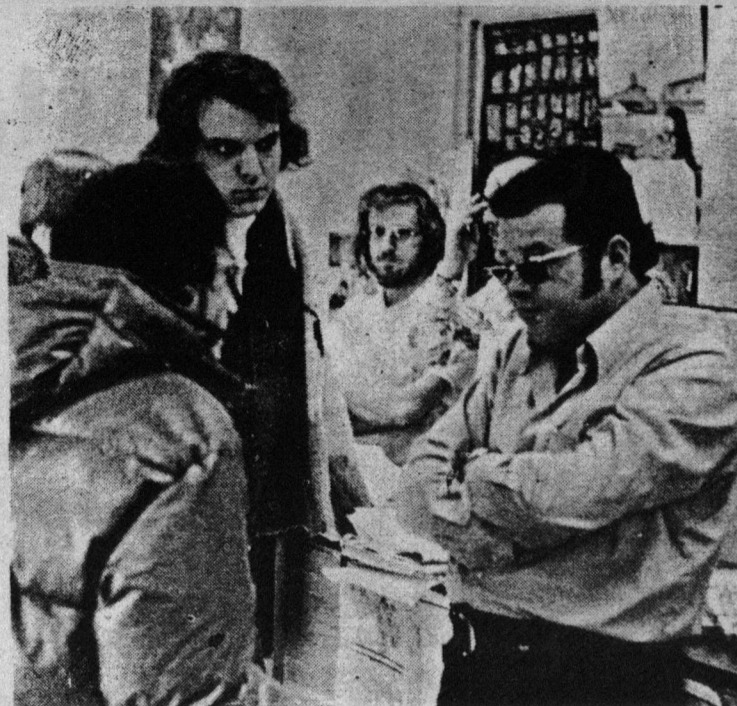
But, while it lasted the first half of the seventies appeared to be an exciting time. The drinking age was lowered, Women's Liberation took off in high gear, they were skinny-dipping at national student conferences and everybody was calling down "the pigs" while "grooving to the tunes of Steppenwolf." The U of A protested the testing of the nuclear bomb at Amchitka and began examining their own role as students within Canadian society. This state of affairs didn't last

however, by 1976 the turnouts to "teach-ins," National Student Day Celebrations, and student elections were pathetically poor.

Students seemed to lose their interest and their motivation as baggy pants, platform shoes, and disco made its appearance at the U of A.

Disco died, it almost appears that the motivation of the students died with it.

But I like to think it didn't. The nineteen eighties may not be the dawn of economic utopia, but I do think we will see the beginnings of a better age of reason and understanding.



With the end of the seventies came an end to an almost oppressive apathy amongst the student body. It is time to stop laughing at danger! It is time to seriously re-evaluate our role as students, citizens and even people of the world.



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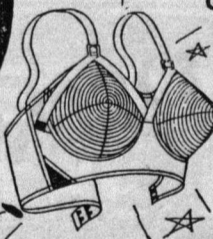
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