

OCTOBER

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By October the students' union executive had settled down to serious business and a meeting with then Minister of Advanced Education, Bert Hohol. Although nothing new was talked about in the hour-long session, the executive restated their position on differential fees, student finance, graduate teaching assistanceships, and inadequate funding. The meeting was not considered a great success; Kushner later described the meeting as an exercise in formal procedures.

The Students' Union had better success in negotiations with their employees. Represented by CUPE, the casual and part-time employees signed a new contract with the SU. Both sides were hopeful that relations would improve and withdrew law suits arising from the 1977 lockout.

The SU faced internal problems as well. The Business and Commerce Undergraduate Society (BACUS) struck a committee to consider withdrawing from the Students' Union. They intend to investigate the benefits of associate membership. No decision or recommendation has yet been reached.

The Board of Governors grants to student union

organizations were a disappointment to a number of groups. CKSR (now CJSR) received only half of its \$10,480 request. The Art Gallery also had their request significantly reduced.

Away from our own campus, two national student groups, one service-oriented and one politically-oriented, joined forces. AOSC and NUS formally affiliated at a conference in London, Ontario. The U of A is the only campus which is a member of the service-oriented AOSC without being a member of NUS. See February.

Enrolment dropped 3.7% from last year, announced the Office of the Registrar. This was the second consecutive decline in winter session enrolment, leaving the U of A with 19,157 full-time students.

Bert Best, General Manager of the Students' Union, suffered a heart attack towards the end of the month. Thankfully, his condition stabilized quickly and he returned to work in January.

The first fire in Pembina Hall happened during a Halloween party. There was little damage and arson was suspected.

COTIAC announced plans for their ill-fated week of action.

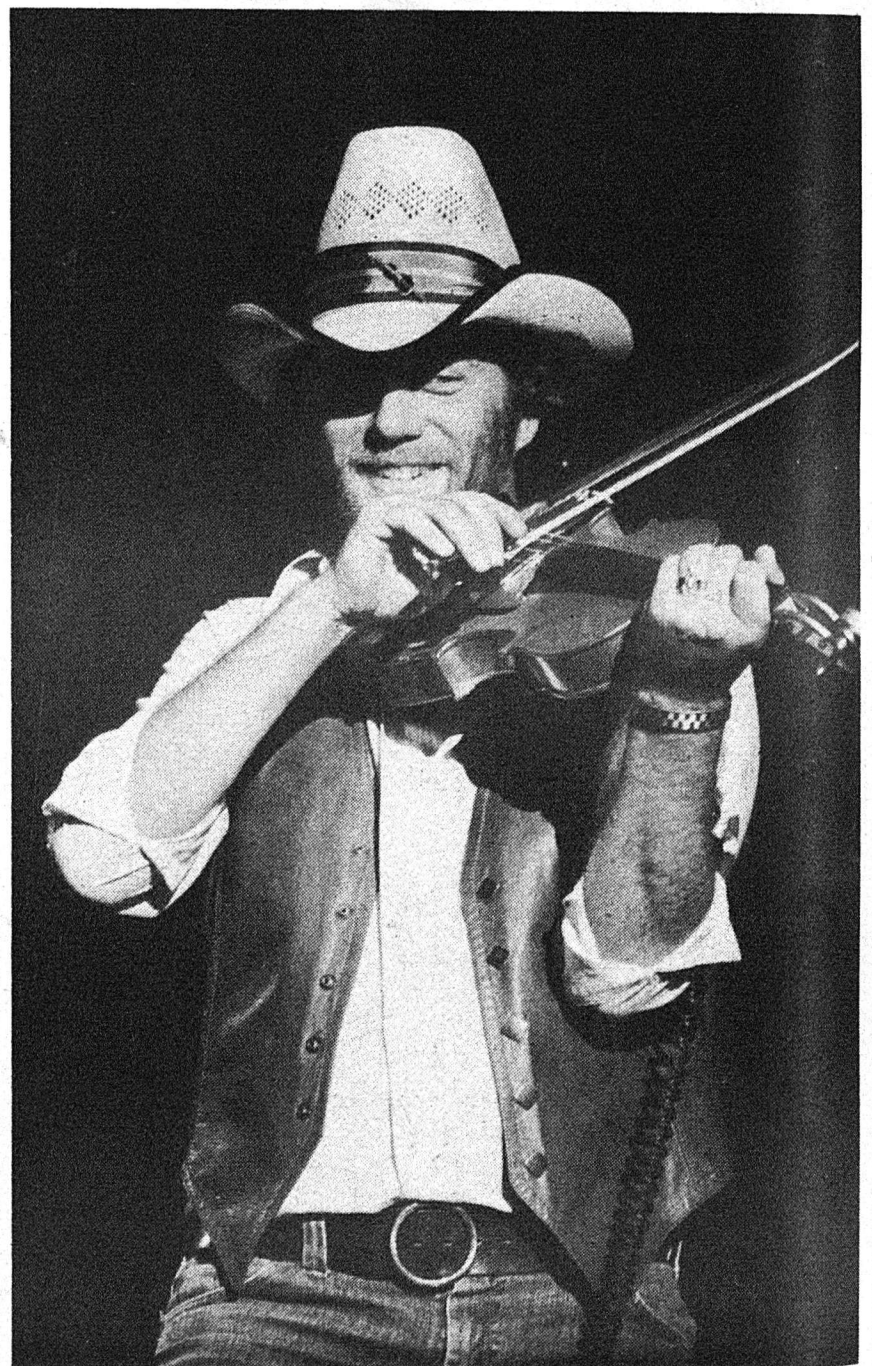
A rally and debate between Cheryl Hume and John Schlosser were scheduled for the first week in November.



It's October and SU president Cheryl Hume is still looking forward. Her executive had both successes and setbacks coming.



The U of A Golden Bears soccer team played well in their year of full schedule competition.



What could be better than the Good Brothers and good ol' country music?