

Gateway reviews 1982-1983 at the U of A

photo Ray Giguere



Photos counter clockwise from top: September's Freshman Introduction Week celebrations; probably the best hope the Bears have for next year; Ex-SU VP Academic Mark Hoye who couldn't stand the heat; and some Alberta football players receiving one of many maulings.

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September is generally a month when little really happens, except that most of us try to cram in one month of fun before settling down to seven months of studious drudgery.

If you're a guy returning for another year, September is the month when you tell yourself that this year you're going to hit on some cute little first year girl and get a steady girlfriend for the winter. And you end up blowing it entirely.

If you're a girl returning for another year, you're no longer a girl; you're a woman now, and determined not to be fooled by that kind of bullshit.

And with a reasonable amount of certainty I think I can say that last September was no exception. However this year saw a seven per cent increase in the U of A's enrollment. This caused a few problems as the University administration struggled to accommodate the sudden increase in students. Classes became jammed and everybody noticed how much more difficult it was to schedule their classes.

During the rush to pay fees two armed men burst into the administration offices where the fees were being collected, and made off with about 65,000 dollars in tuition fees.

Another robbery of the bureaucratic kind took place when the University took over 200 parking spaces away. SU President Robert Greenhill vowed to do something about the parking situation. His ideas in September included a system of parking permits worked out with the surrounding residential communities. Sound familiar? It should. Although he talked about it in September he did nothing until February when he promised the same thing in his reelection campaign.

He also outlined plans for this and plans for that and vowed that if he had to march in the streets to get those plans completed he would do it with the support of the Chamber of Commerce. If that sounds dumb; he went on to elaborate on the idea in a Gateway exclusive where reporter Jens Anderson tried to get to the real Green 'behind the 'hill.

You may have noticed that SUB had no Art Gallery in September. Council in its standard limited wisdom decided it would be better off renting that part of your building to the university. And with that, this year's Council embarked on a tradition

of selling off the building built for the students to the University administrators.

Council embarked on other idiocies one of which saw the resignation of the VP Academic Mark Hoye. He resigned over an inability to reconcile his personal philosophy with the duties of his office. The issue which sparked it off for Mark was whether or not the Students' Union should support the University in a bid to solicit donations from private industry. Mark said they shouldn't, Council made a committee to figure out whether it was a cool thing and it was never heard from again.

Another long running idioy was started by Council as Councillors failed to agree whether or not to condemn Israel for the massacres at Sabra and Chatilla in Lebanon. Begin wouldn't have lost any sleep because the students at the U of A publicly declared that they were mad at him. Nevertheless that question dragged senselessly on for far too long and wasted a lot of time, and raised a lot of childish indignation.

On the Cultural front things were beginning to cook. The Ring House Gallery held an exhibition of ancient Egyptian Mummification manuals written in hieroglyphics. Textbooks for ancient undertakers sort of.

Alex George wrote a powerful review for the Gateway on Fred Wah's collection of poetry entitled 'Breathin' My Name with a Sigh.'

Wah sample: mmmmmm
hm
mmmmmm
hm....

Those really are the first four lines of a published poem. Sigh.

Boccaccio's Decameron opened at SUB Theatre. This turned out to be a finely performed black comedy of the blackest sort.

And speaking of black comedy the U of A football Bears got off to a dismal start. At the end of the month the Bears had an almost perfect record with 0 wins, 0 ties, 4 losses and no points. A great start for new head coach Jim Lazaruk.

And that's September. And you were there and so was the Gateway.

The Gateway will be there next fall. Will you?

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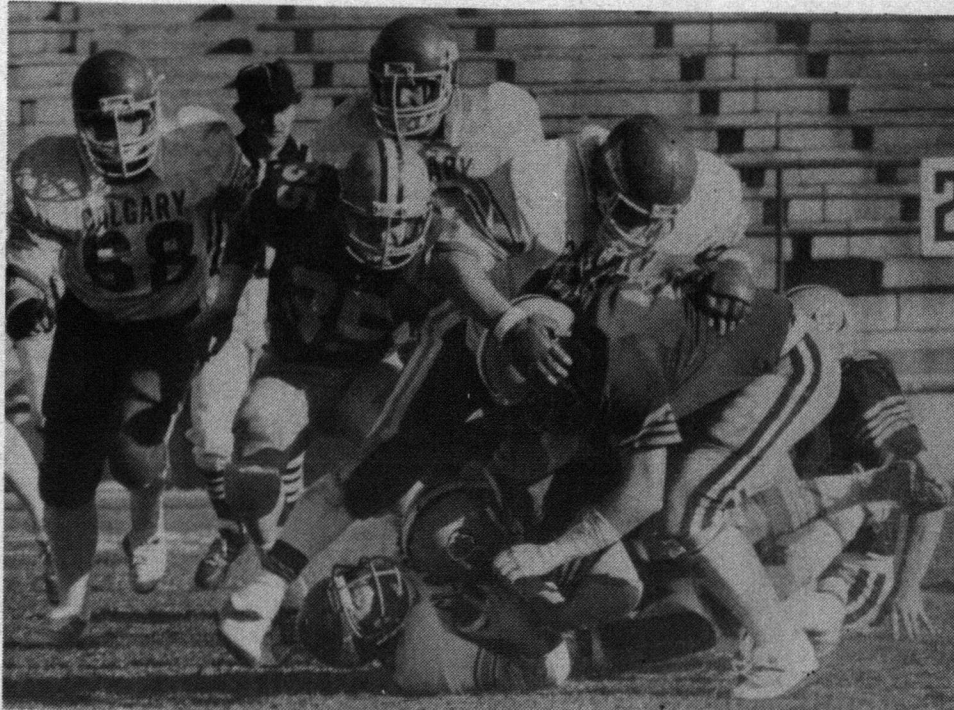
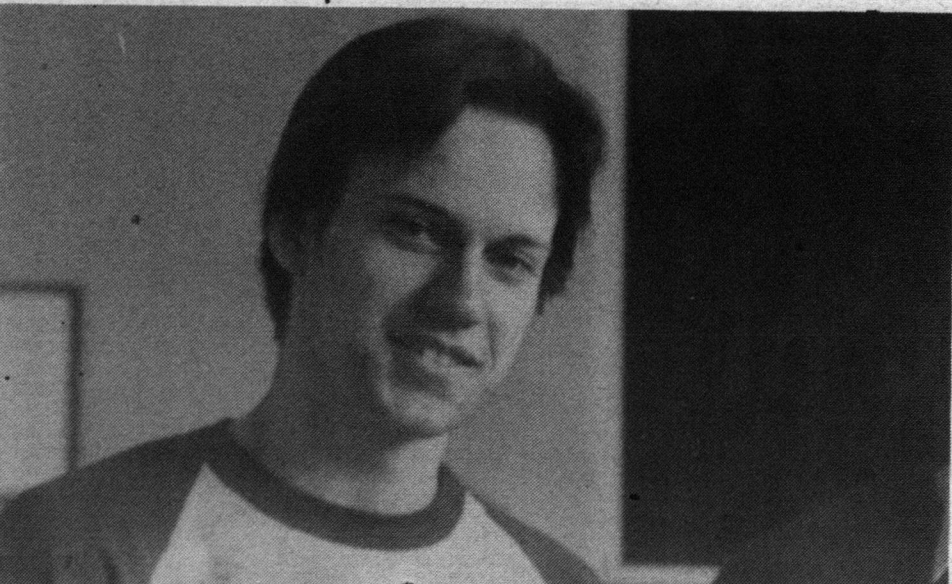


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