

# Organizers claim success

## Some say it struck-out

By BOB JACOBSEN

Second Century Week passed away quietly on Sunday.

The deceased, variously described as extremely successful by some of its most ardent supporters, and a disaster by others, escaped the attention of most U of A students.

The fanfare of bands, flag-raising, and speeches by guest dignitaries at the beginning of the week, failed to arouse the interest of most students for the week, and it is probably fitting that the whole affair died on Sunday to the tune of Verdi's Requiem Mass.

The lack of enthusiasm by local buffs is blamed on the occurrence of test week during SCW and Varsity Guest Weekend a few weeks ago.

"Someone is to blame in the administration building for the fact test week wasn't postponed," says Dave Estrin, chairman of SCW.

"Last summer we wanted to suspend Varsity Guest Weekend or have it run concurrently with SCW. This was vetoed by student council. The Edmonton public probably thought they had seen all they wanted to see during VGW," he said.

## Best discussions at hotels

"But it did provide a real forum for real discussion. Some of the best discussion took place in the hotels," he said.

"We didn't expect any conclusions, but only wanted to provide a base for discussion with students from all over Canada in areas of national importance.

"The faculty could have been more co-operative as far as attendance is concerned," he said.

Mike Morin, Edmonton coordinator for SCW, described random samples taken during the week among students as "crazy".

"SCW was a great success," he said. "It accomplished everything we wanted it to. The seminars were set up mostly for delegates anyway.

"The athletic events were well-attended. If there is a deficit it will be because a lot of people were getting in for free.

"We really didn't expect much public attendance. There is generally a lack of interest among the public in college sports.

"Any criticism regarding French representation during SCW wasn't justified. It is impossible to recognize the two-nation theory they put forward.

"The great number of photographers and reporters in attendance shows SCW was acknowledged and accepted by other campuses," he said.

"Second Century Week did not meet my expectations," said Fernando Dias Costa, a delegate from Waterloo Lutheran University.

"It was too structuralized, and there was not time, no freedom to discuss anything.

"We have our own lectures. We came here to discuss academic problems, problems of the future of the Second Century, such as Quebec existing as a nation," he added.

SCW was more political than intellectual, according to George Devine of St. Thomas University in Fredericton.

"Delegates are members of student government, students' council, and such power groups as CUS

Estrin described SCW as a really outstanding success "more in terms of what delegates from other universities discussed with each other than in terms of local participation.

"Eastern delegates felt this was the best organized conference they had ever attended," he said. "They never thought Alberta could organize something as big as this.

"It was unfortunate the Bears couldn't have been in the final game of the hockey tournament. This may have lowered gate receipts at the sporting events. However, I was very pleased with the over all attendance."

The coffeehouse in the armed services building was an outstanding success, also the SCW sponsored film festival in MP 126.

The literary seminar in St. Stephens College was always packed, but the Second Century Seminar in Con Hall was not quite so appealing even to some of the delegates.

"It was a success," said Dennis Thomas, academic seminar organizer. "I didn't expect very many U of A students to attend. Sometimes delegates didn't show up very often either.

and UGEQ," he said. "Nothing derived from the conferences, only from the discussions after-hours. The hospitality was great, but SCW did not deal with problems facing the Canadian man.

"Organizers from Alberta had the right motives in mind, but other elements such as Quebec and the delegates from Southern-Ontario overthrew the cart," he said.

On behalf of despondent, over-busy U of A students, SU president Branny Schepanovich said "they don't like to get so-called culture crammed down their throats."

He described SCW as a valuable exchange between students socially, but claimed it was only moderately successful due to three main factors: General Vaniers' death, cold weather, and test week.

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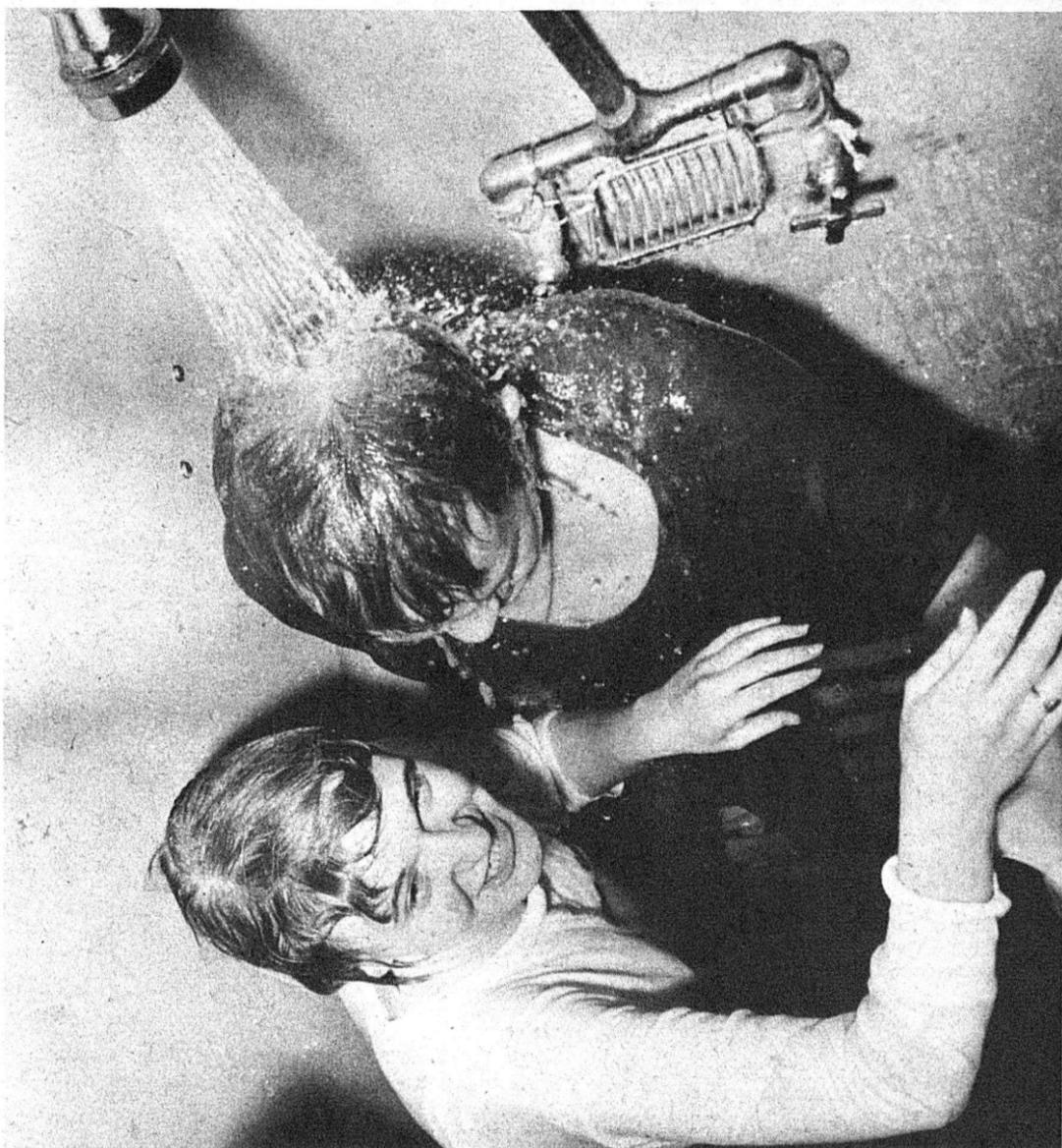
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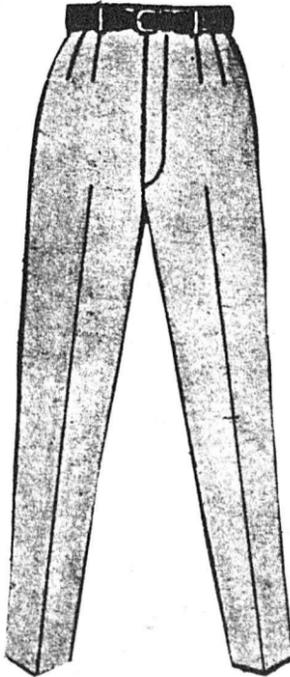
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