

# "NOT WITH A BANG"

The dilemma of the individual in a mass society is the theme of "Not With a Bang", this year's Varsity Varieties' production.

Termed "a musical play" by author Chris Evans, the production will be the feature attraction of Varsity Guest Weekend, and will be performed at the Jubilee Auditorium the evenings of February 23, 24, and 25.

The story takes place on a University campus, and revolves around a student, John Smith, who is persecuted for holding ideas unacceptable to the group. "It is the local application of a wide problem," said Evans darkly when interviewed about his play.

"I've used comedy to leaven what is in fact a biting criticism of our modern society," he added, his voice rising. "I am rather peeved at the odd member of the VGW Committee who feels it is too controversial, but I rather expected that!" He frothed at the mouth and hopped about on one foot.

He pulled himself together with a visible effort. "However, I have the greatest confi-



dence in Vogel as director," he whispered, and subsided into his corner, quivering.

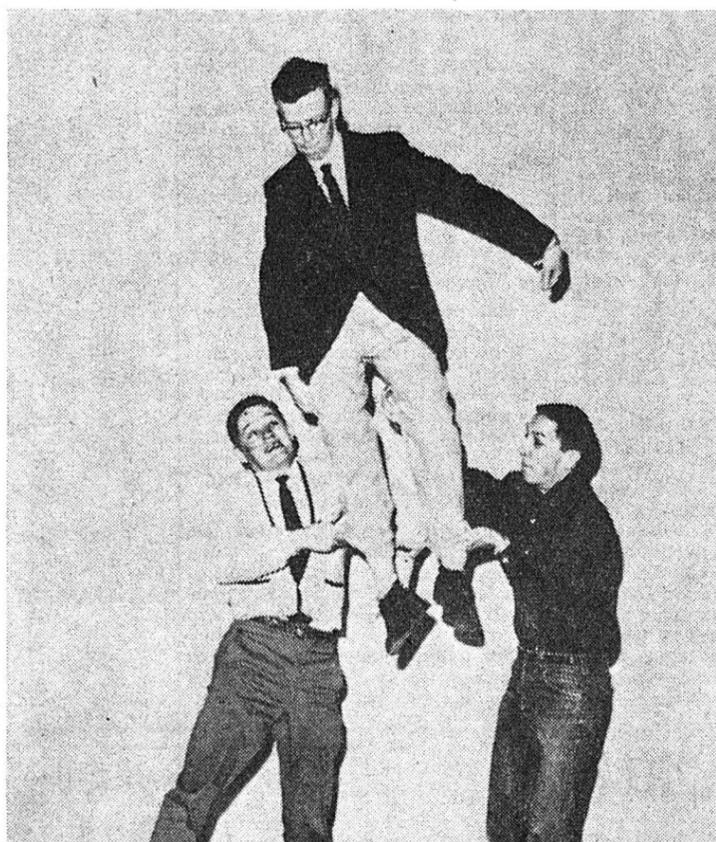
Barry Vogel, the director, is a recent Alberta alumnus who co-directed Varsity Varieties in 1956 and again in 1959. The show contains 20 original songs, with lyrics by Evans and the musical score by Tommy Banks, well known Edmonton musician.

Starring in the role of John Smith will be Don Giffen, who appeared in last year's performance, "Souise Pacific". Another veteran, Don Clayton, will play University President Faubus, and newcomer Sandy Mark will portray Smith's fiancee.

Varsity Varieties was begun in 1952, and has blossomed into the biggest single feature of Varsity Guest Weekend. Since 1956 it has been produced entirely by students at the U of A, and has attained wide critical acclaim.

Last years' comedy "Souise Pacific" was performed once in Calgary, and was such a success that this year's production will play two evenings at Calgary's Auditorium, March 10 and 11.

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