

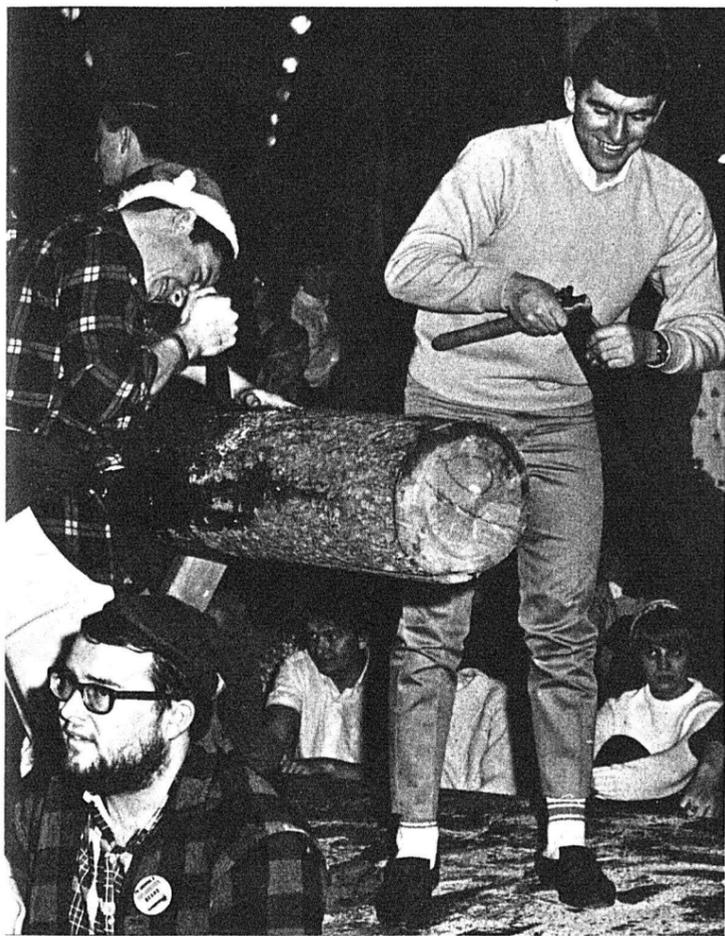
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HERE, TRY A SAW—It's a cinch these two didn't win the log-sawing contest at this year's Sugarbush, held at the weekend in the SUB multi-purpose room. We couldn't tell who won the beard-growing contest; we didn't recognize any of the fuzzy faces.

Constructive criticism course evaluation key

By REG MONCRIEFF

Students' council was to have decided Monday if a course evaluation guide will be published for the fall session.

The proposed guide would outline course material and give students' criticisms of professors.

Already in use at several other universities the guides have proven invaluable to persons seeking comprehensive course descriptions.

Academic vice-president Dr. Max Wyman said, "The effectiveness of this guide would hinge on the sincerity of the opinions presented. This should not merely be a place to air gripes or quote amusing anecdotes."

Arts rep on council David Leadbeater, in charge of publishing the guide said Friday, "The main problem is accurately conveying the consensus of student opinion. To do this we will ask the aid of the psychology and computing science departments in compiling comprehensive questionnaires."

NOT FIRST YEAR

"The guide will not evaluate first-year courses as freshmen have little choice of course section, and the lecturers often vary from year to year.

"Only 300 and 400 courses in arts, science and education will be evaluated."

Leadbeater said the results will be considered constructive criticism of the instructors and anticipates "they will be the first ones in line to buy the thing."

"It is important that the guide

distinguish between a popular and a good professor," said Dr. Wyman.

Material for the guide must be gathered by the first week of April.

Persons interested in helping distribute questionnaires are asked to contact David Leadbeater or Jim Matkin of the academic relations committee.

Revisions in Assistance Act make more money available

Changes in the Alberta Students Assistance Act will mean more money for more people next year.

The new policy, effective April 1, will make grants of up to \$400 available to undergraduate students at Alberta universities or junior colleges. Previously these grants were up to \$300 for students with averages between 60 and 70 per cent and \$400 for students over 70 per cent.

Queen Elizabeth Scholarships of up to \$1,250 for students with averages of more than 75 per cent will be reduced to \$100 and only for those with averages higher than 80 per cent.

Students receiving these scholarships may also apply for Province

'Tuition increase justified; public shouldn't pay all'

Manning says means available to overcome all barriers to educational advancement

Premier E. C. Manning said Wednesday the proposed increase in tuition fees at U of A is consistent with the government philosophy of individual opportunity.

"It is our belief that no individual should be deprived of a university education through financial lacking," he said. "However, at present, citizens pay 100 per cent of the capital cost and 85 per cent of the operational cost of running the university. It is unfair to say the public should pay everything."

The premier was speaking in the SUB theatre Wednesday afternoon on his book "Political Realignment" and answering questions.

"After graduation, the earning capacity of an individual is considerably greater than average," he said, "and at present only a minority of the population take advantage of a university education."

"As far as deprivation goes, money is available under the Queen Elizabeth fund for anyone who needs it," he said.

OTHER BARRIERS

Another questioner recognized the fact that barriers other than financial problems prevent students from obtaining an adequate education. The premier was asked what these barriers are and what steps the present provincial government is taking to find and overcome these barriers.

"It has been shown that the environmental surrounding of some individuals is not conducive to educational advancement," he said. "Other barriers exist as well and these are difficult to point out. There is no single answer to this problem," he said.

"Currently our human resources program, under the Department of Youth, is studying the situation."

An audience member asked whether an individual could be coerced into believing in a proposed ideal society when he has his own conception of ideality.

"If a fellow wants to grow up to

be an absolute nut, that's his right. Give him a chance", replied Mr. Manning.

Speaking on political realignment the premier said, "political parties

have ceased to provide a definite stand on important issues. They are not generating positive policies with meaningful solutions to present problems".

Grievance group hears beefs; only one complaint to date

Only one complaint has been brought to the Academic Grievance Committee since its formation in January.

A group of fifth-year nurses submitted a complain about a professor, said committee chairman Ken Porter.

"We are hoping to better the situation."

The committee, formed to improve academic relations in the university, gives the students a more definite concern in the university, Porter said. "We're not here to knock the professors but to open a new line of communication between instructors and students."

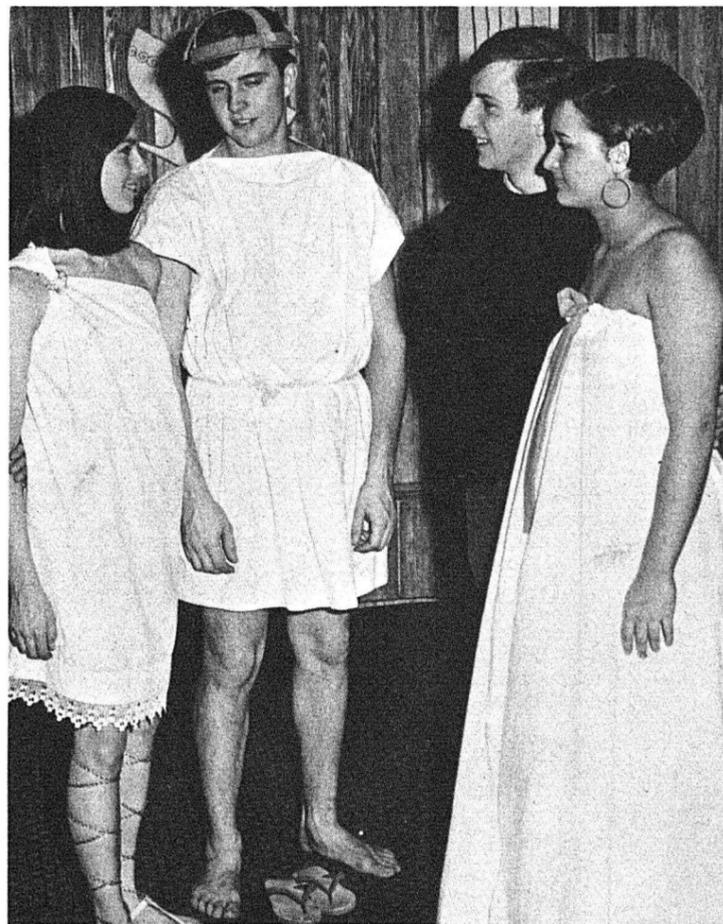
The committee expects a certain procedure for complaints. The first requirement is that the problem must be of group concern, but an individual grievance will be considered if it can be substantiated by other members of the class, he said.

The committee expects that complaints will be concerned with the faculty or university administration or with problems affecting the academic side of university life.

The group or individual should see the professor first, if it is possible, Porter said.

Submissions must be in written form, signed by the complainants and deposited in the grievance committee mailbox in SUB.

The identity of the complainants will be known to the members of the committee only.



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DISROBE—Is not as securely affixed as it could be. The action took place Friday night when visiting pharmacy students from Western Canada gathered at the Coachman Inn for a Toga Formal. They were here on an exchange weekend.