

Science fiction event successful

Bugs Bunny was there; so was Gertie the Dinosaur and Bruce Dern of *Silent Running*. Also in attendance were over 800 people from across western Canada. The event was the second open house and book exchange sponsored by the Edmonton Science Fiction and Comic Art Society. With more than twice the activity of last March's open house, two rooms in the Students' Union Building were kept active all weekend.

"We were a little worried that the open house might not pull through," said Bob Runte, secretary of the society. "But the first day we had twice as many people as we did last spring. Sunday was almost as good."

Also pleased with the turnout was Grant Thiessen, owner of Calgary's Pandora Books, which features science fiction, fantasy and collector's comics. "I was totally unprepared for the response; I didn't know there were so many people interested in the field."

The program also included a free film showing. The film room never was empty, at all times a film was being run or one of the four featured speakers was giving his presentation. Alan Dyer of the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium brought a slide show called "Saucers, Signals and Little Green Men." Well received by the smaller Sunday crowds, the talk covered the

possibility of life elsewhere in space and its interest in the earth.

"All in all," said Runte, "we couldn't have asked for anything better. We're more than happy with the response." Although the dust has barely settled from this weekend's open house, the group is already planning another for next spring, as well as a full-scale convention in 1978 or 1979.



Senate rejects resolution

A resolution which would have called for the formation of a task force to gather public opinions regarding the purpose of the university was tabled at a Senate meeting Friday.

Debate on the resolution followed the speeches of four, U of A academics who argued against the proposal that the university's primary purpose is to prepare Albertans for jobs.

The Senate, which forms a bridge between the university and the public, is currently engaged in defining the purposes, goals and objectives of the U of A.

Objections to the task force resolution did not disagree with the spirit of the resolution, but with its wording.

Generally, discussion of the resolution was focused on the uncertain value of opinions, compared to well-considered briefs.

Senate members who had taken part in the debate of the resolution were appointed to a

committee to rework the resolution for presentation to Senate at its November meeting.

Sports Quiz Answer

1. c
2. Wayne Matherne
3. Bill Clement
4. d
5. b
6. Upset
7. b
8. New York Islanders
9. a
10. Thurman Munson, Chelmsford Chambliss, Lou Piniella, Carlton Fisk, Fred Lynn, and Tommy Helms.

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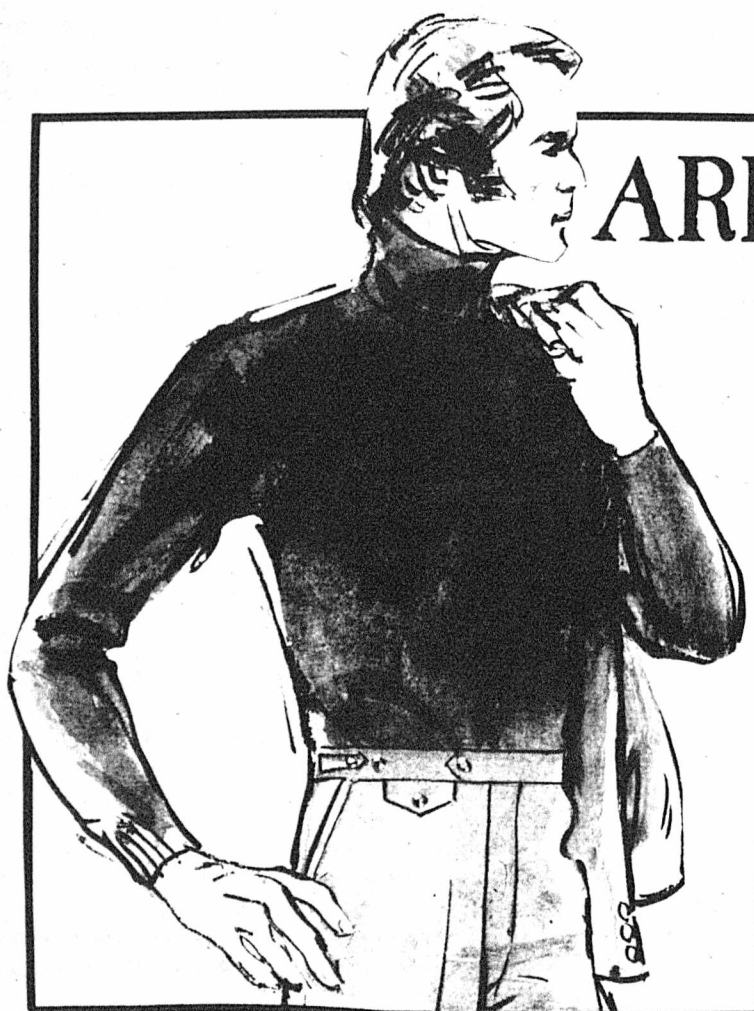


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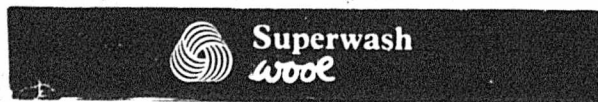
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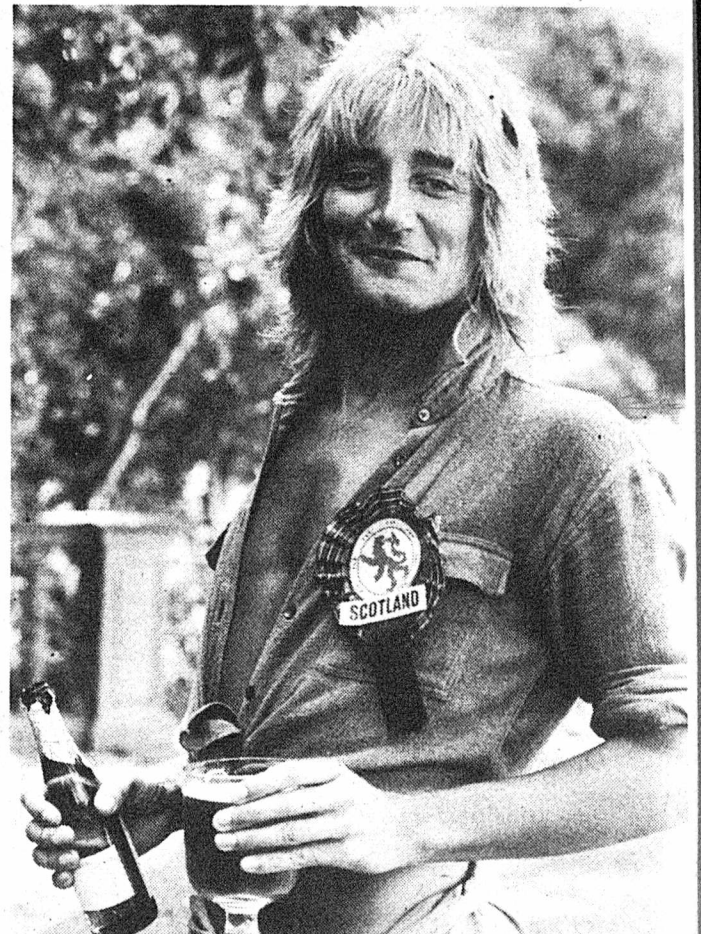
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