



75th Anniversary 1908 - 1983



1950-1959

The fifties saw Brylcreem take a firm hold on campus. Everywhere, young stylish men about town had their hair slicked down while girls dressed in cashmere sweaters.

The Students' Union underwent few changes from the forties although campus activism seems to have started its illustrious career; campus communists began speaking up, though nobody seems to have taken them too seriously.

Freshmen were still initiated but ceremonies were greatly toned down. They were presented with little green and gold beanies which they had to wear for the first week of classes. There was a variety of dances and outings to make new students feel a part of the campus.

The start of every year then saw the annual snake dance. This was a rowdy, well-attended, free for all.

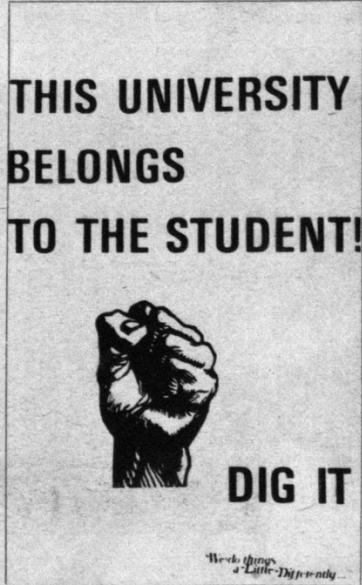
The Wauneitas were still there initiating every freshette that came to campus. By now membership had grown so that every woman on campus was a member of the Wauneitas.

Freshmen and freshettes were subjected to compulsory psychological examinations at the start of every academic year but this invasion into the privacy of their headspace doesn't seem to have bothered anyone.

The Engineering Queen festival seems to have taken off during the fifties but there were complaints that the Engineering Queen should automatically be proclaimed Queen of the entire school. So other faculties started getting into the act.

Kidnapping also began around that time, only it wasn't engineers kidnapping other engineers' queens but other faculties kidnapping the queens, just for kicks. There was even a campus king, who was also threatened with kidnapping.

The big rivalry in those days was the one between med students and engineers. They didn't bug each other the way artsies and engineers do nowadays; they brawled!



Let us see what students did for fun in 1958 (bottom right). Ah yes, "teabreak" at the Wauneita Formal, splendid. Now turn to 1969 and the public "Teach-in" (top), add to that a clenched fist and our 60's regalia is complete. The times they are a changin'.

1960-1969

The Sixties! The decade of Activism and Radicalism, right? Wrong. Even Rock 'n Roll did not take a firm hold until the second or third year of the decade. Alberta is just slow on the uptake.

There was still a Freshman Initiation Week that culminated in a big dance where all the freshmen were allowed to remove their stupid-looking beanies.

The Wauneitas were still here and this was going to be their final decade. After the sixties the Wauneita formal was going to be a thing of the past.

The COTC was still popular and a big event of the year was a Tri-Service Ball where all the military types took their favorite girls to a big dance dressed up in their fanciest uniforms.

Bar None began in the Sixties by the Faculty of Agriculture and has endured till the present.

A Turtle Derby was started and continued for a few years until it was cancelled when it was found that students were gambling on the outcome of the race.

The campus enjoyed a visit from some Russian Students. In fact as the decade wore on the impression is of a student body reaching out to the world around it.

Student politics did get a boost when the Students' Union built SUB although the representation system was to remain virtually unchanged. The legal system died.

Radicalism did begin to take a hold around 1968 and students began to talk about "The Revolution." They also began to turn on to pot in the late sixties and they even marched on the Legislature buildings in 1968 to demand better funding for the Universities of the province.

